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KISSINGER'S TALKS END, NO BREAKTHROUGH SEEN

MOSCOW. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Leonid Brezhnev concluded their review of the Soviet-American relations late last night without word of a breakthrough toward a new nuclear weapons treaty.

U.S. spokesman said Kissinger and the General Secretary wound up their evening session in the Kremlin with a "final wrap-up" of all issues before them. This seemed to mean the Middle East and trade as well as nuclear arms.

Asked to characterize the discussions, the spokesman referred to a joint announcement saying they had been "businesslike and constructive".

Kissinger was summoned to Brezhnev's Kremlin office late in the afternoon after an emergency meeting of the Politburo caused cancellation of a scheduled morning session between Brezhnev and President Nixon's envoy.

The evening session lasted almost four hours, and a statement issued afterwards said the two statesmen and their aides had discussed both bilateral relations and several international problems.

No further details were released. U.S. spokesman said there would be no more business talks during the current visit and Dr. Kissinger could leave for London and Washington today as scheduled at 10 a.m.

In Washington, presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler said he felt "every indication the talks are going well" between Kissinger and Brezhnev.

Ziegler was asked about the cancellation of the morning negotiating session between Kissinger and Brezhnev. He said he did not know about that but said that President Nixon had gone over cables from Kissinger in the morning and had sent a cable back in response.

Kissinger told reporters at a luncheon for Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko that negotiations "are going satisfactorily". He said the break in sessions allowed the Soviets to have "their own internal discussions."

(AP, Reuter)

Dr. Kissinger and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko toast each other before luncheon in Moscow yesterday. (AP radiophoto)

U.S. oil shortage was 'home-made'

ATHENS (UPI). — A senior U.S. Atomic Energy Commission official here yesterday said the massive energy crisis, more than the Arab oil embargo, caused the current energy crisis in the U.S.

Mr. John F. O'Leary, director of licensing for the AEC said: "Even if the Arab cut-off never happened, the crisis would have hit the U.S. this summer. Even with the resumption of petroleum from Saudi Arabia, the U.S. still faces two years of serious constraints on fuel consumption."

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Dr. K to see Dayan as planned

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department said yesterday that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger might delay his scheduled departure from Moscow by a few hours, but his meeting with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan is still expected to begin tomorrow.

Acting State Department spokesman John King told newsmen yesterday that an official travelling with Kissinger had informed Washington in the morning that Kissinger is still expected to be back by tomorrow.

Kissinger and Dayan will discuss an Israeli-Syrian disengagement agreement. In addition to Friday's meeting, the two are also expected to meet again either over the weekend or early next week.

The Secretary had been scheduled to leave Moscow this morning and arrive in Washington tomorrow night, after stopping off for a few hours in London to meet with the British Foreign Secretary, James Callaghan.

ANXIOUS FOR TALKS

The Secretary is known to be anxious to get the talks on a disengagement with Syria started. *According to informed diplomatic* sources here, Kissinger believes that April will be the critical month in reaching an agreement.

Syria informed the State Department last Saturday that it will dispatch a representative to Washington *on or about April 10.* Kissinger has said that he will return to the Middle East near the end of the month, probably to resume his "shuttle diplomacy," which was so successful in reaching the disengagement on the Egyptian front.

Meanwhile, *Israeli officials* are still waiting to hear from the U.S. about the alleged Egyptian violations in the "restricted forces" zone along the Suez Canal. Diplomatic sources believe that Kissinger himself is handling the affair and will *discuss it with Dayan tomorrow.*

He had assured Ambassador Simcha Dinitz last Saturday before he departed for Moscow that he would straighten out the problem, but there is still no word about this.

11-HOUR CLASH IN NORTH, 2 HURT

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

Israeli forces stationed along the Golan Heights yesterday witnessed the longest and most intense artillery clash recorded in the area since daily incidents started over two weeks ago. During yesterday's 11-hour incident, in which hundreds of shells were fired, two Israeli soldiers were wounded. Last night they were reported to be out of danger.

The Army Spokesman said that the Syrian shelling damaged a U.N. hut in the southern section of the bulge and a U.N. vehicle was seen to go up in flames. No U.N. personnel in the area at the time were injured.

Yesterday's clash started at 7.15 in the morning when the Syrians shelled targets in the southern sector of the bulge and south of Kuneitra with artillery and tanks. Israeli forces were quick to reply, and within the hour a major clash had developed.

U.N. observers in the area arranged a cease-fire for 10 o'clock, to which Israel agreed, but it was disregarded by the Syrians, who continued firing until 11 o'clock.

During the morning Israeli positions along the entire front came under intense fire. At one point over 100 shells fell on Mazrat Beit Jann area in several minutes, while an estimated 60 shells fell in the Tel Farris area in a brief period.

Also during the morning Syrian shells fell in the vicinity of Ein Zivan and Ramat Hamagshimim, but there was no damage. Throughout the day settlers in the area kept to bunkers, and all work in the fields was stopped.

Starting at noon, the Syrians resumed shooting on a lesser scale and this went on sporadically until six in the afternoon. The Syrians also attacked an Israeli mechanized patrol near Tel Mari with light arms and a barrage of Katyusha rockets. There were no casualties.

One Sagger anti-tank missile was fired at Israeli tanks, but here again no damage was caused.

In Damascus, it was announced that a Syrian non-commissioned officer was killed and two officers and two soldiers were wounded in yesterday's clashes. The Syrians also lost a field artillery battery.

Meanwhile, Israel asked its Ambassador to the United Nations, Joseph Tekoah, to lodge a new protest with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim against continued violations by Syria of the cease-fire agreement.

UNEF CHIEF MEETS DAYAN

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

The Commander of the United Nations Emergency Forces, General Ensio Siilasvuo, last night held a 45-minute meeting with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan after arriving here from Cairo unexpectedly.

The meeting was attended by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, and Tat-Aluf Shlomo Gazit of the Defence Ministry.

The Defence Ministry spokesman said that the meeting dealt with Israel's complaint over Egypt's violation of the military disengagement agreement following its introduction of artillery at the "limited armament" area in excess of 36 guns allowed under the agreement. The spokesman gave no further details.

Earlier in the day, a Unef spokesman in Cairo said that the peacekeeping force had inspected the "limited armaments" zone, and that a report on the situation had been communicated to Israel, Egypt and the U.N. headquarters in New York.

The issue of the Egyptian guns introduced east of the Suez Canal was yesterday reported to have been the focus of intensified contacts between the U.S. Government and Cairo.

Reports coming out of the Egyptian capital yesterday said that Cairo has pledged to withdraw the additional guns brought into the eastern side of the Suez waterway and reduce the quantity to the agreed number of 36 guns in six batteries. They said Gen. Siilasvuo had passed on the pledge to Israel.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan conferring with Unef commander, Gen. Ensio Siilasvuo and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar.

Meir: U.S. planes to check on the Canal

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir said yesterday that the U.S. Government is working very energetically on the problem created recently by the Egyptians when they increased the number of artillery pieces in their zone east of the Suez Canal. She said that U.S. officials believe that "within a few days things will again be as they should be."

Mrs. Meir disclosed that both Egypt and Israel had agreed that American reconnaissance planes fly over the limited armaments zone to police the disengagement agreement. The Americans "were not surprised" when we told them of the Egyptian violations, she added. "At this point there is no disagreement between us and the UN, and it does not change anything if the UN says Israel is right," she said.

Mrs. Meir was replying to questions at the annual meeting of the Hebrew University Board of Governors on the Givat Ram campus in the early afternoon.

Mrs. Meir said that despite "certain moods" in Israel, the Egyptians were realistic in their appraisal of what had happened to them in the war, and that they were far from considering it a victory. We'll go along with Egypt's peaceful intentions as long as they are not proven otherwise, she said.

But there is no point in engaging in wishful thinking, and we must be prepared for additional war, she warned. Lately something has happened in Egypt that is not according to the letter of their agreement with us, she added.

Syria poses a tougher problem than Egypt, the Premier said, because President Assad does not enjoy as strong an internal position as President Sadat. "No visitor coming from Syria has yet reported that anyone there is ready to accept our existence," she said. We are prepared to retreat on the Golan Heights, but not beyond the 1967 lines and only with guarantees which will provide for defensible lines, a U.N. buffer zone, and protect our settlements on the Heights.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan will go to Washington at the end of this week for talks with Dr. Kissinger. During the third or fourth week of April the U.S. Secretary of State will be in our area again for another stint of his shuttle service diplomacy, Mrs. Meir said.

"Meanwhile the Syrians are shooting. We know their army is massed on the border, and it only needs an order from the top — and there is war. I see very great difficulties in the negotiations with Syria," she added.

"I don't believe that we shall be able to arrive at a separate peace agreement with Egypt without

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Rafael sees Callaghan

Backing of EEC statement a 'shock'

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Israel Ambassador Gideon Rafael met with British Foreign Secretary James Callaghan yesterday at the House of Commons for a discussion of the Middle East situation and the search for peace.

The meeting was arranged to replace last Friday's scheduled luncheon between Callaghan and Foreign Minister Abba Eban which had to be cancelled owing to the death of Mr. Eban's mother.

The British statement on Tuesday endorsing the EEC Foreign Ministers November declaration on the Middle East featured prominently in the discussion, although the meeting had not been called specifically to discuss this issue. It is understood that Callaghan emphasised that the British Government's intention in issuing the statement was primarily to emphasise the third section of that declaration which spoke of the right of every country in the region to live within secure and recognised boundaries.

The Foreign Office statement that it did "not dissent" from the declaration made by the Foreign Ministers of the EEC on November 6 came as something of a shock to *Israeli diplomats here.*

It had been felt that sooner or later the new Labour government might have to make some declaration about the Middle East, but it had not been expected that this statement would come so soon after Labour took up office, and when there appeared to be no immediate pressure for the adoption of any public stance.

While the former government insisted that the EEC declaration, which had been made in an attempt *to assuage Arab oil producers, did* not depart from the principles of U.N. resolution 242, Israel differed, pointing out that it placed greater emphasis on withdrawal from occupied territories, and also spoke of the "legitimate rights of the Palestinians," which 242 did not.

It was a surprise for Israelis here that the Labour government, whose leader had often shown great understanding of Israel's position in public statements, should have chosen support for this particular document as its expression of its Middle East policy.

The statement was issued on Tuesday to lay to rest lingering Arab suspicions that the advent of the new Labour government might result in a shift of British policy in favour of Israel.

Whether or not it will achieve that purpose, it has certainly served to disillusion many who had felt that the new administration might take a more balanced attitude to the Arab-Israel dispute. There may be further clarification of the position when Foreign Minister Abba Eban meets Callaghan in about three weeks time when he will be in London for the *shloshim* of his mother.

The Foreign Secretary has not yet met with King Hussein. They are now expected to get together today and it is felt that it will not be military purchases, but the Palestinian issue which will loom largest in their talks.

Callaghan's reference to the need for a Palestinian "personality" in any peace settlement during his first address to the *House of Commons* last week indicates that he may hold similar views to those of Hussein.

Army radio man to be Broadcast chief

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Information Minister Shimon Peres yesterday informed the Broadcasting Authority at its plenary meeting that he proposes Yitzhak Livni, director of Galei Zahal, as the new director-general of the Authority. Mr. Shmuel Almog, the present director-general, announced in February that he would not be a candidate for another five-year term, which expires at the end of this month.

The plenary meeting approved Mr. Peres' proposal, and it will now be submitted to the Cabinet on Sunday for its approval. The Cabinet usually approves the candidate supported both by the Minister and the plenary committee.

The Authority's plenary meetings are usually open to the press, but Wednesday's meeting was closed because it dealt with personnel appointments. The meeting started at 4 p.m. at Jerusalem's Beit Ellisheva. The *Post* learned shortly after 6 p.m. that until then there had been no serious opposition to the appointment of Mr. Livni and that his prospects for approval were very good.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Peres had consulted on his choice with several other Ministers and especially with Premier Meir, although he was not legally obligated to do so. According to the Broadcasting Authority Law (1965) the Authority is an independent corporation, for which, however, one Minister is responsible

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to the Knesset. Until now the Minister of Education and Culture was the responsible Minister. With the recent establishment of a separate *Information Ministry* the responsibility devolved on Mr. Peres.

The Minister cannot appoint a director-general but only recommend one to the plenary committee for final Cabinet approval. Although the plenary usually accepts a Minister's *recommendation*, it may put up an opposition candidate.

In addition to his position as director of Galei Zahal, Mr. Livni, 39, is also editor-in-chief of "Bamahane," the Army magazine. It is learned that Mr. Almog will stay on at Broadcasting House for several months to help with a smooth transfer of authority. He has not yet decided on his future plans.

No additional Canal bridges were built

The Egyptians have not built any additional bridges over the Suez Canal since the implementation of the disengagement agreement earlier this month, informed sources said yesterday.

(Knesset *Opposition Leader* Menahem Begin had claimed on Tuesday that the Egyptians now had 12 bridges over the waterway, instead of the previous eight or 10).

Under the terms of the disengagement agreement Egypt is not limited in any way in carrying out work in the Canal zone, nor in the number of bridges it can build.

Egyptian-Syrian row at Tunis meeting

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy yesterday flew into Tunis and hurriedly met with the Syrian Foreign Minister in an apparent bid to patch up a sudden quarrel over how to make peace with Israel.

Fahmy arrived after his Syrian counterpart, Abdul Halim Khaddam, on Tuesday night blasted Cairo's "selfishness" in "abandoning" Syria to confront Israel alone. Khaddam was addressing the 21-nation parley of Arab Foreign Ministers which is winding up its four-day session today.

Fahmy's presence in Tunis showed that the Egyptian authorities were alarmed over the Syrian accusations. The Egyptian delegate to the Arab League, Fahmy Abdel Magid, had headed the Cairo team at the talks.

Arab sources in Tunis said that Khaddam, while sticking to his charges, cancelled a press conference yesterday as a "conciliatory gesture" to Fahmy.

Khaddam said that Syria will accept no troop separation on the Golan front unless Israel agreed to withdraw from the town of Kuneitra under a disengagement agreement. Khaddam's statement came in contrast to a declaration by Premier Golda Meir that Israel will not pull back beyond the pre-1967 frontiers although it would be willing to be flexible over the issue of withdrawal from the salient captured during the October war.

Meanwhile, Syria was yesterday reported to have urged a number of oil-producing Arab states to suspend their recent decision to lift the oil embargo against the U.S. pending the outcome of its Washington talks on the Golan disengagement issue.

A Kuwait press report said yesterday that the government in the Gulf emirate has asked the Kuwait oil company to maintain the 15-per cent production cut despite Saudi Arabia's decision to lift the ban against the U.S.

UNTSO head arrives here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Maj. General Bengt Liljestrand of Sweden arrived in Jerusalem last night to take over command of the UN Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). Liljestrand will replace Irish Colonel Richard Bunworth, who is due to resume duties in his home country.

Maj. General Liljestrand, 55, will command the UNTSO observers currently concentrated on the Golan front, while at the same time assisting General Ensio Siilasvuo's UN Emergency Force in manning the buffer zone between Egypt and Israel east of the Suez Canal.

UNTSO now includes groups of American and Russian observers each consisting of 36 men. The American function on both sides of the Egyptian and Syrian fronts, while the Russians are only on the Arab sides of these fronts. Eighteen Soviet observers are currently on the Egyptian front, while the rest are on the Syrian side of the Golan front.

The new UNTSO commander will assume his official duties on April 1 when he is due to meet the Israeli military representatives.

Retroactive hike, IL800,000, for President's budget

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir's 1973/74 budget for the year which ends on March 31 should get a retroactive increase of some IL800,000, a subcommittee of the Knesset Finance Committee recommended yesterday.

The recommendation, which refers to money already spent without authorisation, must still come before the full Finance Committee, under the law.

Two sub-committee members, David Coren (Alignment) and Simha Flumin (Likud), abstained in protest at the unauthorised expenditure.

Mozambique crash kills 80

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI). — A Rhodesian passenger train and a Portuguese freight train collided north of Lourenco Marques yesterday and unofficial reports from the scene put the death toll at more than 80, most of them burned.

A Mozambique Railways official said the head-on collision occurred in the Portuguese territory of Mozambique at 7.15 a.m. between a southbound Rhodesia Railways passenger train from Bulawayo and a freighter from Lourenco Marques, capital of Mozambique.

First reports from the scene said that a few moments after the collision passenger coaches on the southbound train burst into flames.

Ambulances, fire engines and helicopters dashed to the scene later from Lourenco Marques, the reports said. Firemen tried to reach the smouldering coaches but were hampered by the scorching heat of the fire, they said.

The Mozambique Communications Secretary, Vilar Queiraz, joined Mozambique Railways officials at the scene of the accident to direct operations. First reports said the accident might have been caused by a "human error."

The north-bound freight train carried petroleum products, Mozambique Railways sources said. It exploded on impact, they said, throwing burning oil over the passenger coaches, which melted, according to witnesses.

U.S. OFFICIAL KIDNAPPED IN MEXICO

HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP). — U.S. Commercial Attache John Patterson was kidnapped in this city on March 22, a U.S. Consulate spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, however, would not give any more details; "we are very concerned over *his safety and* we cannot give any more information on the matter," he added.

"I can only confirm it happened on the 22nd of March (last Friday) and that it happened in Hermosillo," he said. Hermosillo is 240 kms south of the U.S. border city of Nogalez, Arizona.

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HAIM ZADOK, the new Minister of Justice and outgoing chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, gives DAVID LANDAU his views on some pressing domestic and foreign issues.

Pen and camera in hand, ANAN SAFADI was one of the guests at the fantasiya held to celebrate the election of the first Beduin M.K., Hamad Abu Rabia.

Pictures from the exhibition — the International Stamp Exhibition in Jerusalem, photographed by DAVID RUBINGER, described by JUDY SIEGEL.

HELGA DUDMAN finds much amusement in the Tel Aviv exhibition of children's games, little in adult academic analysis of the subject.

PHILIP GILLON talks to two Christian friends of Israel — pilgrimage group leader KASIMIR LANOWICK, and the REV. W. GARDINER-SCOTT, of St. Andrews Church in Jerusalem, who has made his home here in retirement.

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From the U.S.A.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, rising temperatures, becoming hazy.
Weather synopsis: Khamsim depression over Sinai moving eastward.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	36	8—18	10—20
Golan	66	4—12	7—16
Nahariya	67	10—20	10—22
Safad	73	6—16	8—18
Haifa	65	12—20	14—23
Tiberias	61	11—23	12—25
Nazareth	47	11—19	11—22
Afula	44	10—23	12—26
Shomron	45	10—19	12—20
Tel Aviv	70	12—20	14—24
B-G Airport	55	13—24	15—25
Jericho	54	10—25	12—28
Gaza	67	12—20	14—24
Beersheba	61	5—24	10—26
Eilat	30	15—29	18—30
Tiran	32	18—27	18—29

Social and Personal

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday held a reception for the Association of Jewish Students in France, now meeting in Israel. The President also received the delegation of presidents of U.S. war veterans' organizations.

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Michel Convers, the outgoing representative of the International Red Cross in Israel, and Francois Payot, who is replacing him, yesterday called on Police Minister Shlomo Hillel. Also present was Prisons Commissioner Arye Nir.

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The Jerusalem Medal was Tuesday bestowed on Mordechai Surkiss, former chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

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Ralph J. Kaplan of Los Angeles, donor of a library of tapes, visited Tel Aviv University on Monday and met with its president, Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, and director-general, Yitzhak Bar-On.

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Dr. G. Prindull, pediatrician and assistant professor at the University of Gottingen, West Germany, will lecture on "Functional and Morphological Studies of Leukocytes in Blood of Premature and Full-Term Infants", tomorrow at 11.00 a.m. in Hall "Heh", Ground Floor, the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

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Prof. Herbert C. Brown, of the Department of Chemistry at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, will lecture on "Recent Developments in Hydroboration and Organoboranes", tomorrow at 10.45 a.m. in Hall "Gimel", the Hebrew University School of Pharmacy Building, Ein Karem, Jerusalem.

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Dr. Zvi Dinstein, the Chief Government Adviser on Fuel, will speak on "The Energy Crisis, Its Causes and Remedies," at today's meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club, ZOA House, 1.45.

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Dr. Gideon Foerster will speak on "The Excavations at Tiberias" tonight at 7.30 p.m. at Jerusalem's Beit Agron, in one of the series of lectures on archaeology presented by the Israel Journalist's Association, The Jerusalem Municipality and the Israel Exploration Society. The public is invited.

ARRIVALS

Heinz Fetter, president of the West German Trade Unions, for two weeks, as guest of the Histadrut (by Lufthansa).

Hans Koschnick, Prime Minister of the West German State of Bremen, for two weeks, as guest of the Labour Party (by Lufthansa).

DEPARTURES

Ernest Japhet, general manager of Bank Leumi, for Rome, to establish a branch of the bank in Milan (by Air France).

A MARCH "for a beautiful Israel" by 400 marchers, carrying brooms and placards, will proceed from Tel Aviv's El Al building to Moghrabi Square at 4 p.m. today. The march is being sponsored by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

Haifa arnona rate up 50%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 50 per cent rise in the general rate *(arnona)* effective as of next Monday, was approved by the City Council last night, for the majority of the town's residents.

Smaller increases, of 35, 25 and 20 per cent, will be paid for apartments that are all or in part below street level or otherwise of lower standard, and for garages and sheds. As in the past, the new tax rates vary with the quality of the neighbourhood, and the two categories of living space — up to and over 75 square metres. The *business tax*, too, was raised by 50 per cent, as was a tax levied on home owners for the cleaning of courtyards, entrance ways and front gardens.

Mayor Yosef Almogi roundly denounced as "outdated, distorted" anti-social, inefficient and confusing" the system of the general rate, dating back to the Mandatory government. He said other mayors agreed with him, but it was too late to change it this year. Attempts at such change had failed in the past, he said, but the newly installed economic unit at City Hall would now sort out reform proposals. As for the proposed tax increases, "many municipalities raised them by a higher percentage, none by less," he said.

TAX REDUCTIONS

Deputy Mayor Yeruham Zeisel said many categories of residents, including war invalids, students and others, qualified for tax reductions. As for the business tax, a committee would deal with hardship cases.

The *six-man Likud faction* voted against the tax rise, faction leader Yona Engel calling it "a shock treatment." He said the increase should have been instituted gradually. To spur the city's lagging prosperity, he argued, taxes should be less onerous here than elsewhere. During the past two years the total increase amounted to 110 per cent and "residents are in despair at such a growth rate."

Taxes have also been raised in Herzliya. The Municipal Council decided yesterday to increase the rates by an average of 50 per cent, and to assess the owners according to the total area of their property, rather than the number of *rooms. Herzliya is reportedly the* only municipality in the country that did not raise its rates two years ago.

Teachers fret over number of students

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Teachers Union has complained that the Ministry of Education is not implementing an agreement to reduce the number of pupils in the classrooms.

In an urgent message to the Minister of Education, the Union has demanded that top priority be given to the plan, which was contracted last year. In the past, the teachers have held or threatened strikes over the issue.

According to the agreement, the Ministry was to gradually decrease the maximum number of pupils per classroom. The current maximum number is 40 pupils per class, and the teachers want it reduced to 36.

The Ministry has argued that this would mean great expense, necessitating the construction of more classrooms and the hiring of more teachers.

The teachers also complain that the Ministry has not set up special boarding schools for problem children, who disrupt classroom proceedings. A committee of teachers and Ministry representatives decided on the construction of special *boarding schools for problem children* three-and-a-half years ago, but nothing has been done so far.

The teachers have also requested the Ministry to immediately allocate funds for the construction of air-raid shelters in schools where no such *facilities* exist.

Chief Rabbi Goren addresses yesterday's rally for PoWs. (Hanana Herman)

Prisoners in Syria get Pessah packages

Thousands rally to support PoWs

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli PoWs in Syria have received packages of matzot, haroset, and Pessah Hagadot, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren yesterday told thousands of demonstrators at a solidarity rally for the PoWs. He was informed of this by the Red Cross.

The demonstration took place in Kikar Malchei Yisrael, which was re-named for the day "Israel PoWs in Syria Square." Some 5,000 people turned out, including relatives of the PoWs and groups of high school pupils.

The pupils marched around the square, singing and carrying placards. Some of the posters read: "Kissinger, our PoWs are not for sale," "Kissinger, the lists are not everything," "PoWs for PoWs," and "We await them with love." Many of those who attended the rally carried blown-up press photos of the bound PoWs.

The Chief Rabbi told the crowds that "news about the Pessah supplies are not enough. Our boys are still in captivity. We want them with us for the seder night. If they stay in Syria, they will recite the hagadah and say 'this year I am a slave,' but we cannot wait for the next phrase: 'Next year I will be a free man.' We cannot wait till next year."

Quoting the Prophet Amos, the Rabbi said: "For the three transgressions of Damascus and for the four, I will not revoke punishment."

The transgressions, he explained, are "the cold-blooded murders of bound PoWs, the horrid mutilations of the bodies of the slain, the cruelty to wounded prisoners who are not repatriated in flagrant violation of the Geneva Convention, and brutal treatment of those in prison."

Rabbi Goren also called on the public to raise their voices for the 4,500 Jews left in Syria: "They are our own flesh and blood. We must not be silent."

Sgan Aluf Assaf Yaguri — himself a returned PoW from Egypt, also addressed the rally. He said that "we will blaze the trail to the prisoners in every way and at every price and free them. An Israeli soldier knows that he shall never be abandoned. These PoWs endangered their lives for us."

Sgan Aluf Yaguri recalled that only on the night in which Israeli tanks had advanced to a point 101 kilometres from Cairo did the flog*gings in the Egyptian prisons cease* and the screams of the Israeli PoWs come to a halt.

Knesset Member Ariel Sharon said that Israel has more power than is commonly supposed. The Jews the world over, clergymen, men of letters and organizations in many countries can be recruited for the campaign. "But more than anything, the Syrians should be made to understand that as much as we want peace, we have other means to free the PoWs. We will not let them be used as pawns in a blackmail scheme."

Among the speakers was German anti-Nazi activist Beate Klarsfeld, who had recently gone to *Syria to demonstrate her solidarity* with the PoWs. She said that it is no longer as easy to kill Jews as it was several decades ago, and so the State of Israel has become the primary objective of anti-semitism.

Prof. Zvi Eyal, the father-in-law of one of the PoWs, said the relatives of the prisoners are gratified to see they are not alone and "that the whole of Israel cares." He quoted the Talmud to the effect that one must not pay excessive ransom for a prisoner, as much as one wants to save him: "Extortion is not to be encouraged, we must not be seen to be weak. Such demonstrations of solidarity strengthen us."

Two parents of PoWs, Eliahu Sagi and Yosef Menahem, also spoke.

Jewish Agency vows to build housing itself

'We can do a better job'

By DAVID LENNON
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The Jewish Agency, frustrated by the shortage of *housing for immigrants* in Israel, is determined to take over the construction of immigrant housing, Max Fischer, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Agency, announced here on Tuesday.

Speaking at the end of three days of discussion on fund-raising and immigration matters, Mr. Fischer said that the Board had people with the know-how to speed up the construction time of houses. "We intend to press the government very hard on this," he said. "We believe that we can do a better job, and we won't rest until we are allowed to build immigrant housing ourselves."

Arye Dulzin, Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency, said that the Agency had decided that it should undertake directly the construction of housing for immigrants. A housing committee has been set up under Bob Kessel of Miami, who is one of the most experienced men in the housing construction field, he said.

"We believe that we can do a proper job, and introduce new construction methods," Mr. Dulzin said.

Stressing the critical nature of the housing shortage, he said that in order to alleviate the problem, the Agency is considering bringing in more mobile homes in the coming months.

The Jewish Agency Executive, and 60 members of its International Fund-raising Committee, spent the past three days in London discussing monetary matters and also immigrant absorption.

Meanwhile, Mr. Dulzin has ordered the Joint Israel Appeal, the Agency's fund-raising body in *Britain, to continue its financial* support for the "Jewish Observer and Middle East Review." The JIA announced a few weeks ago that it had decided to withdraw its financial support for the paper, thus threatening it with closure.

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agreement with Syria," she said in reply to another question.

Mrs. Meir said that on her trip to Washington last November, Dr. Kissinger had told her that as a condition for the release of Israeli war prisoners the Syrians demanded the return of their Mount Hermon strong-points and permission for the 20,000 displaced Syrians to go back to their villages in the Israeli bulge. But when we agreed to this they backed down and said it was an Israeli proposal, Mrs. Meir said.

Turning to domestic politics Mrs. Meir said that there were groups among academics — many, but not the majority — which thought the Government had not done enough to bring about peace. "I believe the Government can stand before God and man and say we left no stone unturned," she said.

The Premier added that she hoped the "protesters" among the young men recently demobilized would come up with positive proposals, not only negative criticism.

Mrs. Meir told her listeners that on Thursday, October 4 — only two days before the outbreak of the Yom Kippur War — she had warned an election campaign audience in Givatayim that "war may break out tonight."

"We are a democracy, and the worst that could happen is that we'd have new elections," she said. "Nobody here will make a military putsch, regardless of whether it was 3,000 or 6,000 persons — as various press reports had it — who attended a protest demonstration in front of my office on Monday," she added.

Mrs. Meir drew understanding laughter from her audience at the conclusion of her talk when she said "any time somebody wants to demonstrate against this old woman, I'd be very much tempted to go with him."

Young ILP hits Kol, who threatens purge

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tourism Minister Moshe Kol has threatened to purge the young leadership of his Independent Liberal Party for criticizing him, and they in turn have demanded his immediate resignation.

The inter-party fracas was revealed in an exchange of letters between Mr. Kol, who is ILP chairman, and the young leadership, who released the letters yesterday.

Both letters are phrased in strong language. Mr. Kol's letter, on the Tourism Minister's official stationery, took strong exception to young leader Michael Tausig's criticism of the party leadership. "Although we have only four MKs, we occupy an important place in the public mind who appreciated our firm stand during the coalition negotiations," Mr. Kol wrote. He admonished them that "instead of building up a proper younger generation for the party, you youngsters prefer only to criticize the executive forums. I hope to soon form a younger leadership that will be worthy of our party. For if you do not do it, then it will be done by others. I really value criticism, but we need action in addition to criticism that should be decent."

The reply, coming from the entire younger ILP leadership, registered shock at the tenor of Mr. Kol's letter to Mr. Tausig: "We find it unbelievable that a Cabinet Minister could write such a letter." Defending themselves against Mr. Kol's charge of inactivity, they wrote "that same younger generation you so hold in contempt defended this country at the time you were fighting for your position in the party." They added: "You want to set up a new, more conformist, younger leadership in the party. It's obvious that it discomfits you that someone should tell you the truth... We have never sucked up to anyone, certainly not to you, nor have we asked you for favours. Thus we are free to speak our minds. We cleave to the view that you never succeeded in according to our party the image it deserves.

"You talk of public decency, yet you promised to step down from the Cabinet before the elections, so what price your phony decency?"

They concluded by writing: "Your letter has reaffirmed our belief that the party would be better off without you, and that only after your retirement will it be able to grow and become a force for change."

Kibbutz leaders lash Government

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Ihud kibbutz movement's younger leadership has issued a call for the replacement of the country's present leadership. The kibbutz federation is considered a traditional Labour Party stronghold.

The young kibbutz leaders did not specify any particular members of the leadership, but damned them collectively. Their political ideological circle had met here to consider the "political implications" of the new Government. They resolved to press their viewpoint at the Ihud movement's national conference, scheduled for June.

Board approves Hebrew U. budget

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, discussed the University's operating budget, which covers a period of the next six months. It approved a budget of IL127.8m.

The second plenary session, under the chairmanship of Ze'ev Sharef, heard a report on the University's financial position by the Honorary Treasurer, Jerry Sudarsky.

The budget is based on that of the financial year just closed, which was reduced owing to the Yom Kippur War.

The operating budget was approved for only six months, because the University has now been asked to go over to a budgetary year running parallel to the academic year — a change which will be implemented at the start of the 1974/5 school year.

The budget for the period October 1974-September 1975 is now in the early stages of preparation. A special committee of the Board is expected to ratify it in July.

Lou Boyar, chairman of the Board's Committee for Building and Development, presented a report on changes in the University's development program caused by the war. It was decided that construction work on the Givat Ram, Ein Karem and Rehovot campuses would continue only on those buildings begun before the war. No new construction is to be undertaken on these three campuses.

Mapai Press told not to print 'Ot'

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — David Shaham, the editor of the Labour Party's controversial weekly "Ot," said yesterday the Mapai Press has told him that they have received instructions not to print the magazine anymore. "Issue No. 148 is coming out today as usual," he said.

Mr. Shaham said he was surprised by the move, in view of a promise from Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin that the magazine would continue to appear. Last week's Labour Party Leadership Bureau was to have discussed a motion to close down "Ot," but they did not take up the issue. Mr. Yadlin then announced that until a formal decision was adopted, the magazine would continue to appear.

The decision to shut down "Ot" was reached in the Labour Party after prolonged criticism that the magazine only reflected leftwing views.

"Ot" was brought into being some years back to replace the old party weekly "Hapoel Hatzair." Mr. Shaham was brought in as editor by then Party Secretary-General Arye (Lyova) Eliav. Mr. Shaham was an active participant in the party group that called for the resignation of Premier Golda Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan immediately after the war.

Final chess round to be played tonight

By ELIAHU SHAHAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The 15th and final round of the national chess championships will be held at Yad Lebanim House tonight with the contest wide open. Czerniak moved ahead to tie for first place with grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon, who moved only half a point ahead by drawing with Zelig Chesakov. Israel Gelfer beat Uzi Oratz and Shmuel Friedman beat Yosef Dobkin.

The overall standings after the 14th round: Liberzon and Czerniak 10½ *each*, Kagan 10, *Radashkovich* 9, Gelfer, Kaldov and Peretz 8½ each, Friedman 7½, Mart 6, Rom and Peli 5½ each, Oratz and Bernstein 5 each, Ben-Zion and Dobkin 3½ each.

The central games of the final round, which might well decide the ultimate placings, are: Liberzon — Kagan, Peretz — Czerniak, Radashkovich — Gelfer.

Time trouble decided the issue of the following game (played in the sixth round) but its whole course is not without interest. White (M. Peretz) — Black (D. Bernstein). 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Ktf6 3.Ktc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Ktf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Ktc6 7.e5 d:e 8.f:e Kth5 9.Bc4 Bg4 10.Be3 Ktd7 11.Qe2 B:f3 12.g:f Ktf4 13.Qf2 Ktg2+ 14.Q:g2 Kt:c4 15.Qe2 Kt:e3 16.Q:e3 f6 17.0-0-0 c6 18.h4 f:e 19.h5 Qc8 20.h:g e:d 21.Q:e7 Qe8 22.Qh4 h6 23.Kte4 R:f3 24.Qg4 Re3 25.Rh4 Qe5 26.Ktdt Qe6 27.Ktb5 Rd8 28.Qf4 Qf6 29.Ktd4 Q:f4 30.R:f4 Be5 31.Rh4 Bf6 32.Ktf5 Re5 33.R:d8 B:d8 34.Kt:h6+ Kg7 35.Ktf7 Rel+ 36.Kd2 B:h4. White overstepped the time limit.

Jews demonstrate in Bonn and Paris

BONN (JTA). — About 25 Jews demonstrated in Bonn on Tuesday against the murder of four Jewish girls in Syria, and for the release of all Jews held in Syria.

The Pakistan Embassy, which represents Syrian interests in Bonn, refused to accept a resolution from the demonstrators.

One poster read: "Save the lives of 4,500 Jews in Syria."

In Paris, a group of Jewish students yesterday attacked the propaganda centre of the Syrian Embassy in the Latin Quarter.

The group smashed in the door of the centre and scrawled "Syria-Nazi" on the walls. No Syrian employees were in the centre at the time of the attack, and no one was hurt.

In a communique, the students protested against Syrian violations of the cease-fire, the murder of the four Jewish women and the persecution of Syrian Jews. They announced their intention to carry out similar actions.

16,000 visit soldiers' centres, but find benefits are sparse

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Approximately 16,000 ex-servicemen have visited the nine Demobilized Soldiers' Service Centres during the first four weeks of their operation, national director Shlomo Amir reported on Tuesday. He was addressing the Israel Management Centre at Jerusalem's Holyland Hotel.

The centres, set up after Knesset approval of the Ex-Servicemen's Rights Law last December, bring together representatives of all ministries concerned with government assistance to veterans under the statute. These are the Ministries of Labour, Education and Culture, Housing, and Commerce and Industry. *In addition*, each centre has a legal adviser loaned by the IDF, and a vocational counsellor assigned by the Hebrew University.

"The aim of the centres is to offer a single address for all inquiries an ex-serviceman has," Mr. Amir said. "To qualify for the services of the centre, a man must have put in at least 75 days of active duty. So far, approximately 110,000 persons are eligible, and the number is growing. The nine centres are now interviewing between 800 and 1,300 veterans each day."

Mr. Amir said one of the centres' most difficult jobs was to point out to veterans that the law does not provide for really meaningful benefits — those for which the applicant would not have been eligible before his conscription. What the law does offer is a year's free tuition at an institution of higher learning and allied expenses; assistance in meeting home mortgage payments; and loans or grants to self-employed men whose businesses were seriously impaired by their absence during army service. The law also grants a demobilized soldier priority in job assignment by labour exchanges, and in assignment to vocational training courses.

Mr. Amir believes there could have been "violent reactions" by veterans when the law's limitations were pointed out to them. "What keeps things calm is the courteous treatment and understanding the veterans receive at our centres," he said. Many of the visitors to the centres said it was the first time they had been treated correctly by government representatives.

Outside the Jerusalem centre on Jaffa Road yesterday, 27-year-old Motti Mintz, who was called up on Yom Kippur and demobilized last week, said: "I read about the centres in the newspapers while serving with my artillery unit in Africa. I was very hopeful, since I have two problems: education and housing."

But now, as he walked out of the centre, he was less than hopeful. When war erupted, he explained, he was managing a restaurant and studying towards his M.A. in psychology at Hebrew University. He was also looking forward to paying off the balance of the down-payment on the flat that he and his (now pregnant) wife were to move into next December.

At the centre yesterday, he applied for continuation of his studies. But he was told no class could be opened to acommodate him, because there were not enough requests for the courses in which he is interested, either at Hebrew University or Tel Aviv University.

But Motti's housing problem may be even more serious. Now living in a rented flat in Beit Zayit, he and his wife have been waiting for completion of their 72-square-metre flat on French Hill. On October 6, they still owed IL20,000 on the down-payment for the home, which was priced at IL100,000 (with a linkage clause to the Construction Price Index).

While he was away in the army, the linkage brought the flat's price up to IL113,000, and his still-due down-payment to IL34,000.

"So, here I am. I can't get the home I've been waiting for. I cannot get the university courses I need... and I cannot even look for a job, because I've got to go back for reserve duty again in 2½ months... yes, the workers at the centre were very nice to me, but they couldn't really help."

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A bus will be available for those attending, at the entrance to the funeral parlour.

THE FAMILY

Rosen says Israel must meet affluent life style of immigrants

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

...mmigrants — from both East ...West — come from conditions ...elative affluence and must be ...similar conditions in Israel. ...can no longer return to the ...dards of the fifties," said the ... Minister of Immigrant Ab...ption, Shlomo Rosen, in the Knes... yesterday.

...was replying to a motion for ...agenda by Zvi Gershuni (La...) on the immigration and ab...tion of immigrants from the ...

...ving standards had gone down ...70 per cent of the newcomers ...the West who were questioned ...30 per cent of those from ...Europe, said Mr. Rosen. He ...:

"The immigrants) have come out ...onist or religious motives. They ...left the Garden of Eden of ...da or the United States—a pa... for which not a few Israelis ...

"It is not easy to organize immigration from Western countries where a large number of Israeli emigrants may be living. And let us also remember that the immigrant sometimes encounters a mocking attitude on the part of the Israeli for his idealism."

Bearing in mind that an increase in the Jewish population is vital for Israel's survival, said the Minister, the following incentives should be provided:

- Rapid economic development providing employment for both a growing population and immigrants, with industry geared to the high level of education and skills brought by immigrants from the West.
- Rapid construction of housing designed for a variety of family sizes and located near areas with employment opportunities. Mr. Rosen hinted that mortgages may be raised for immigrants.
- Educating Israelis to welcome newcomers with open hearts.

"There have always been those who complained that immigrants caused hardships, but I cannot remember anything like the negative attitude of the past few years."

It was also essential, said Mr. Rosen, to dissolve the gloom which had infected "various circles in Israel." There was no justification for it after "the brilliant military victory that had followed the first dark days of the war," and in view of the hope that "we are at the start of an era of de-escalation in Arab hostility."

The immigration picture from the West was as follows, said Mr. Rosen:

France: Immigration from this country, the main source from Western Europe, reached a peak in 1969 with 5,000 arrivals, followed by a steady decline to only 1,500 last year. Primarily responsible for the decline was the disappointment of many large families in finding they no longer enjoyed the subsidies given in France to large families, enabling them to maintain a good standard of living. Israel had improved in this respect in the past two years but it was doubtful whether it could compete with France.

U.S. and Canada: After reaching a peak in 1971, immigration subsequently began to decline. Contributing to this development, in America, was the increased confidence growing out of an improved economic situation, a lower crime rate, and the end of the Vietnam war and, in Israel, soaring apartment prices, employment difficulties, an atmosphere not always understanding of privileges given immigrants, and inadequate help to the single immigrants who made up about half the total number of immigrants from these countries.

Immigration from Latin America had remained stable for the past three years although there had been some shifts in the specific countries from which they came.

Altogether, the year following the Six Day War, 1968, had seen the arrival of 19,000 from the West, and 1969 had brought 21,000, followed by a decline to 13,000 in 1973.

Almost half the immigrants who came from the West in recent years had specialized training—far higher than the rate among the Jewish population in Israel. Of those who had such training over half were members of the free professions.

More Westerners re-emigrated, although this was most pronounced in the first year after arrival. Thus, in the past year, 19 per cent emigrated of those here for their first year, and nine per cent left of those here for two — i.e. a total of almost 30 per cent.

At the request of both Mr. Gershuni and Mr. Rosen, the Knesset decided it would debate the issue in the plenum.

Knesset news briefs

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

...Knesset yesterday passed into ...on the second and third read... an interim State Budget for ...irst quarter of 1974/75 to the ...of nearly IL9,000m. It also ...d amendments to the War Loan ...and the Savings Loan Bill.

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...ee private bills advocating re... including one from the Align... will be debated next Wednes...n the plenum on the prelimin...eading.

...faction chairman Yehuda ...1 told Baram: "The votes ...your Bader-Ofer Surplus Votes ...stole from us this time, will ...like petty larceny alongside ...you intend to steal with your ...et electoral reform."

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...ish, who followed the Norwe...attern, adds that the Ministers ...get their seats back if they ...the Cabinet.

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...Presidium met yesterday and ...that it would allow urgency ...did not receive additional in...ion from the Government by ...about the artillery movements ...he Canal.

...ty Knesset Speaker Morde...ben-Porat, who was infuriated ...day at Likud charges that the ...um was simply rubber-stamp... government orders, said yester...e Presidium was not swayed ...ernment pressures. Ben-Porat ...e Presidium felt there was a ...facie case for urgency for the ...motion — but since Govern... Secretary Michael Arnon pro...more information by the week-end, the decision will be put off until then.

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Likud MK Gideon Patt has written Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, urging that mortgages in young couples' housing schemes should be increased automatically — in line with the rise in the price of the apartments themselves. Patt said young couples will not be able to take advantage of the schemes if the price goes up steeply each month, while the same low mortgage remains unaltered.

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The Knesset's Interior and Ecology Committee will meet in Tel Aviv tomorrow along with Health and Interior Ministry officials and representatives of the Dan Area Sewage Authority, to discuss the ongoing stench created by the Yarkon — Israel's second river.

Committee chairman Yosef Tamir told The Jerusalem Post: *"Technical improvements have already been made to solve the sewage problem, but there's no detectable improvement as far as the man on the spot is concerned."*

A number of Labour and ILP backbenchers are astounded that their representatives in the Presidium and House Committee refused to allow urgency to a motion to debate the stench-scandal.

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Likud MK Yedidia Beeri told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday he had found that the business tax in Jerusalem was in some cases many times higher than the tax in Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky, who attended the session, admitted that each municipal council was a law unto itself in fixing the rate of business taxes.

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The Knesset Interior Committee yesterday decided to support the National Students Union request to the Transport Minister to grant reduced fares on Egged and Dan buses, such as are already in force for schoolchildren and teenagers.

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Concealed unemployment already exists in the academic professions, Prof. Shlomo Simonson, chairman of the University Presidents Committee, told the Knesset Education Committee yesterday.

Simonson said that college staffs do not need to work harder, because they have a host of assistants to do their work for them. He said universities should only get State budgets for courses which the State required for its development, while students doing other courses should have to foot the entire bill themselves.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov as he presented a medal of courage and citation yesterday to Beate Klarsfeld, in appreciation of her activities on behalf of Jews. (Barzilay)

'Shorter hours should bring nurses back to hospitals'

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The reduction in the length of the nurses' working week should attract many ex-nurses back into the profession, Health Minister Victor Shemtov told the Knesset yesterday, closing the plenum debate on a motion about the manpower shortage in hospitals.

On Tuesday night, the Nurses Union signed an agreement reducing their work load from 45 hours to 40 hours a week. The agreement reached among the Nurses Union, the Histadrut Trade Union Department, and representatives of the medical institutions, also includes special benefits for nurses in psychiatric hospitals handling chronic cases.

Mr. Shemtov said it had been virtually impossible to raise nursese' wages directly in money terms, because of the pervasive system of wage-linkage between related and unrelated professions.

The Minister said the only far-reaching solution to the manpower shortage was national service for girls in hospitals — to cover all girls, including Orthodox, who did not serve in the IDF.

The Ministry would give such girls free training, in order to prepare them for one year's hospital service with limited pay, he said.

Shoshana Arbeli, Chairman of the Labour Committee, who also spoke, said it was unsatisfactory that thousands of Orthodox girls did no national service whatsoever, despite the National Service Law.

She said it was illogical that a nurse should study the same number of years as a teacher and receive IL104 monthly basic pay less to start with, and IL320 basic less after the maximum years of seniority. She said teachers who had not even attended training school ended up with more pay than fully qualified nurses.

Israel's team reluctantly accepts Iran's date for Davis Cup match

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The nine-month wrangle *between Israel and Iran* over their Davis cup preliminary finally ended on Tuesday, when the Israel Lawn Tennis Association (ILTA) reluctantly agreed to the European tie in Teheran from April 5 to 7.

The agreement came after the ILTA had failed in a last attempt to persuade its Iranian opposite number to hold the match from April 2-4, and thus avoid clashing with Israel's 1974 international spring championships, which start in Tel Aviv on April 5.

The team for Teheran, announced Tuesday, includes two newcomers to Davis Cup tennis, Felix Kaplan and Reuven Porges. The other players are Yehoshua Shalem and Yair Wertheimer, with former longtime Davis Cup man Gabriel Dubitzky as non-playing captain.

National Coach Ian Froman sprang a surprise by preferring ex-junior champion Porges, 19, to 28-year-old Yosef Stabholz, who first played for Israel in 1965 and has been a member of three of the four teams which have registered victories in the world-wide competition.

Froman said last night that Stabholz has not yet reached his top form following recent demobilization from five months of army service, while Porges was performing well. It was thus decided to introduce new blood into the team with an eye to the future.

Kaplan, 27, the former tennis champion of Lithuania, has made a big mark on the local game since immigrating here just a year ago, and his numerous wins over Israel's top players were officially recognized when he replaced Stabholz in the No. 2 spot in the ILTA's recently-issued national rankings (with Stabholz dropping to third place).

Kaplan is expected to play with Shalem in the singles against Iran. Shalem, 29, the country's top-ranking racquet for the past four years, will be making his seventh Davis Cup appearance for Israel (during which he has won three matches). Nineteen-year-old Wertheimer, who succeeded Porges as local junior champion, has competed in two Davis Cup ties as doubles partner to Stabholz (winning one match) and is likely to continue in this role, with Porges as his new partner. Ronny Lerner, who made his Davis Cup debut against Holland last year, is now studying in the U.S. and was not a candidate this time.

A six-strong squad has been undergoing intensive training here for the past fortnight under Froman's coaching.

The team will leave for Teheran at the weekend for a few days of acclimatization training in the Iranian capital, which is situated at an altitude of 1,270 metres.

Army will demobilize more men

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

All soldiers who have completed their three years of compulsory service, but whose demobilization was held up because of the October war, will be released during April and May. All have already received final demobilization dates, and will be paid IL20 per diem for each day of service over and above their compulsory service.

It was also revealed yesterday that there has been a sharp cut in the number of reservists currently under arms. As from April 1, calling-up procedure for reservists will revert to the pre-war system, whereby each individual call-up will have to be sanctioned by General Staff HQ, and not by regional command officers, or by the units themselves, as has been the case over the past six months.

It was officially announced yesterday that the Discharged Soldiers Law — which grants special rights to men who have served over 75 days reserve duty — will apply to all reservists, and not only those who prior to being called up for reserve duty completed a full three-year term of compulsory service. The law will now include new immigrants, whose compulsory service was only several weeks, and men who served in foreign armies, and had the time served abroad deducted from their compulsory service in Israel.

(According to statistics released by the Army yesterday, fewer reservists applied for permission to leave the country in the months December, January and February this year than during the same months last year. Whereas in 1972/73 a total of 6,792 applications were made, only 4,631 were received in 1973/74.)

Military authorities also pointed out that reports that persons asking for permission to go abroad were encountering difficulties were incorrect. Only a small number of requests had been refused, they claim, and these were in cases where permission to leave was requested a short time before the soldier was due to enter reserve duty. If, however, the journey was found to be urgent, permission was granted.

Starting April 1, reservists no longer need apply to the Central Adjutant for permission to leave, but directly to their units, as was standard practice before the war.

Soviet seaman taken into union here

HAIFA. — A Soviet-Jewish sea officer who has been trying to emigrate since early 1973 has been accepted into the Marine Officers Union here.

The union's executive decided this week to accept Dimitri Tcheiglik of Moscow, whose exit permit application had been turned down because it was "against the interests of the State." In October Tcheiglik was arrested and held for two days when he tried to demonstrate with other Jews.

Last year two other captains were accepted into the union while they were still in the USSR. Both have since come to Israel. *(Itim)*

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Payis ups tickets to IL6, payoff to IL250,000.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.— Mifal Hapayis lottery is raising the price of its lottery tickets from IL4 to IL6 tomorrow. Mifal Hapayis customers will compete for two IL250,000 first prizes.

Clients will also have the option of buying a partial ticket for IL4, which can win up to IL150,000. The Payis ticket will continue to carry the extra "zuta" number stub as in the past.

Persons buying the complete tickets will also participate in an extra drawing, which will carry 40 prizes of IL5,000 each and 400 prizes of IL1,000 each, Yitzhak Oren, Chairman of the Board of Mifal Hapayis, said yesterday.

Mr. Oren added that the company will be handing out 351,632 prizes each week, out of the 800,000 tickets issued. The prizes are worth a total of IL2,880,250.

Concerning reports of ticket forgeries and other irregularities, a Payis official said modern technology makes it easier for persons who *want to forge and cheat*

Another problem is that "Payis" ticket production is completely mechanized, and sometimes there are mistakes in the printing, or the glue used to paste the "Zuta" section is not strong enough.

Inmates build security wall at Ramle jail

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Police Minister Shlomo Hillel said Tuesday inmates were helping to build the security wall around Ramle jail, not so much for lack of budget as for lack of manpower. He said this when noting that two convicted Arab terrorists climbed over the scaffolding at the building site to make their escape some weeks ago.

Mr. Hillel was replying to two urgent motions for the agenda, submitted by Yeddya Be'eri (Likud) and Nissim Eliad (Independent Liberals) on security and discipline at the country's jails.

The motions were referred to the Interior Committee.

Mr. Hillel said also that homosexual rape was punished by the prison authorities insofar as it came to their attention. But the real answer to this problem was the construction of more single cells. This was not an easy matter when building resources were needed for such purposes as immigrant housing.

Ex-JDL man granted bail

...VIV. — Yosef Schneider, the Jewish Defence League sec... now on trial for allegedly ...an army thunderflash (fire...), has been ordered released ...000 bail as of tomorrow.

Supreme Court had earlier ...ed permission for bail, but ...that time, some of the ...s had been dropped. Last ...Schneider told the court that ...resigned from all JDL ac... and was trying to reform *(Itim)*

Film men to press for Friday night movies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A "Film and TV Directors Guild" has been established here as a limited liability company. Its five directors are poet David Avidan, Moti Ideles, David Kedem, Shish Koler and Moti Kirshenbaum. There are 150 working directors in film and television in Israel.

One of the first projects of the new association will be to press for an end to the ban on screening films on Friday nights.

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U.S. consortium buys 3 local textile firms

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An American consortium yesterday formally acquired Dimona Fibres Ltd. and its two affiliated companies — Beersheba Textiles and Yeruham Textiles, from the state-owned Industrial Development Bank. No financial details of the purchase were disclosed.

The new owners, the U.S.-based Greater International Fibres, unites four American concerns whose total annual sales top IL2,000m.

Miles Rubin, chairman of Greater International, announced following conclusion of the transaction in Tel Aviv yesterday that Ya'acov Shapiro has been named chairman of the Dimona Fibres board of directors. Three other appointments were those of Eitan Tsur, president of the company; Shmaya Levy, vice-president manufacturing, and David Bareckett advanced to vice-president finance.

The impending sale of Dimona Fibres to an American group was first reported towards the end of last year, when the parties were reported discussing legal and organization aspects of the purchase. The take-over was subsequently delayed when Alignment Knesset Member Adiel Amoral last month protested against what he said was the Finance Ministry's intention to "give a multi-million dollar grant" to an American company for the purpose of buying Dimona Fibres from the state-owned bank.

Completion of the transaction yesterday indicates the objection has been overcome, and a Dimona Fibres spokesman yesterday said the company's new management is shortly to disclose additional details at a press conference.

He added that the U.S. group intends to carry out an "ambitious programme" of diversification, the blueprint for which has already been drawn up.

Greater International Fibres comprises the Puritan Fashions Corporation, manufacturer of a wide variety of apparel; Macsield Fibres, texturizer and processor of synthetic yarn; Winston Mills, producer of styled double-knits, and the Pioneer Systems, a manufacturer of textile products and automated sewing machinery.

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'IRA obtained SA-7 missiles from Arabs'

WASHINGTON (AP). — Columnist Jack Anderson says intelligence sources indicate that the Irish Republican Army has obtained from Arab sources Soviet shoulder-fired missiles for shooting down British helicopters.

In his column published yesterday, Anderson also said Arab terrorists are believed to have helped the IRA set off bombs in the London area during the past few months.

He said the disclosures were contained in a U.S. intelligence report obtained by Congressman John Murphy and turned over to Congressman Harley Staggers, chairman of the House of Representatives Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

According to Anderson, the intelligence report said the 30-pound Strella SA-7 missiles were "originally smuggled into Belgium in Libyan diplomatic pouches. Libya has publicly stated its support of the IRA as a revolutionary movement."

In Belfast, a motorist was killed late on Tuesday when a bomb-laden car exploded as he drove by. Police reported the 22-year-old Roman Catholic was a "completely innocent victim." His was the 983rd known death since feuding erupted between Northern Ireland's Protestants and minority Catholics in August 1969.

A Dublin court yesterday ordered five alleged members of the IRA held without bail pending their trial for the murder of a Protestant Senator, Billy Fox, 17 days ago.

Princess Anne of England yesterday concluded a three-day trip to West Germany by receiving instructions from Sgt. Major Jim Boyle on how to drive the "Scorpion" light tank during a visit to her regiment, the King's Hussars, at Herford. A tough combined Anglo-German security operation remained in force throughout her first trip abroad since the kidnap attempt in which four persons were wounded by a gunman. (AP radiophoto)

NO MURDERER, JUST LITTERBUG

HUNTINGTON, West Virginia (AP) — Robert Edward Spears, acquitted on Monday of the murder of a man whose body was tossed into the Ohio River, has been charged with stream littering.

Cabell County Prosecuting Attorney L.D. Egnor charged on Tuesday that Spears, 27, "unlawfully placed, deposited, dumped and threw or caused to be placed, deposited, dumped and thrown into the Ohio River the carcass of a dead animal, to wit, the dead body of one Rocco Wayne Thompson."

Thompson's bullet-riddled body was retrieved from the river last July 29. During his trial, Spears testified he shot Thompson in self-defence and then threw his body in the river.

The littering charge carries a fine of $20 to $500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months.

Greek call for revolt

ATHENS (Reuter). — The Sacred Squadron, an underground resistance organization, yesterday called on Greek youths to take to the mountains and fight the present army-backed regime.

It claimed in a typewritten declaration that national religious, economic and human aspirations no longer existed in Greece and said youths who have no family obligations should take the road leading to the mountains.

The declaration was signed by the organization's leader using the assumed name "Grivas."

"You are the soldiers of the Sacred Squadron which in the last moment has undertaken the task to save the nation. Greeks take to arms," the declaration said.

Rangoon students burn police station

RANGOON (AP). — A crowd of Rangoon University students burned a police station near the university, police sources said Tuesday.

The trouble came when police refused to produce a man accused of being a pickpocket who had earlier quarrelled with students returning from a cinema, police said.

The man escaped into the police station, which was later burned. The students also set fire to a police car, police said, adding that nobody was injured.

CANCER. — The U.S. Senate has passed a bill to provide $27.6m. for a three-year extension of the research fight against cancer. The bill was sent to the House of Representatives.

Ethiopian police rebels seize senior officers

ASMARA (Reuter). — Rebellious groups of police are believed to have acted alone and without army support when they detained two generals and other high-ranking police officers on Tuesday in this northern provincial capital of Ethiopia.

Reliable sources here said the commander of the second army division, Maj.-Gen. Seyoum Gadle Giorgis, and the commissioner of Asmara police, Maj.-Gen. Gashaw Zeleke, were detained when police NCOs entered the police chief's office. No reason has so far been given for the officers' detention.

Radio Asmara broadcast an announcement by the "armed forces of the north" which gave a six-point list of demands.

These included a call for government assurances that no action would be taken against those involved in recent military disturbances in Ethiopia and that all senior civil and military personnel should be brought before courts whose members should include representatives chosen by the armed forces.

The announcement gave no indication of the identity of the "armed forces of the north."

Earlier Tuesday, reliable reports said about 25 junior officers believed to have been ringleaders of last month's army revolt over pay and conditions, which was started by men of Asmara's second division, had been placed under arrest at the weekend.

The arrests were believed to have caused the new wave of unrest in the armed forces. Last month's revolt led to a replacement of Ethiopia's government and a 40 per cent pay rise for the armed forces.

On Monday, Emperor Haile Selassie set up an inquiry commission to investigate whether former and present government officials had "enriched themselves unlawfully or had squandered public funds."

There was no confirmation in Asmara yesterday of reports that roadblocks had been placed round this city.

Paratroops believed loyal to the government patrolled the air force base at Debre Zeit, near Addis Ababa, in an apparent attempt to prevent dissident airmen from joining in the revolt.

Observers in Addis Ababa said rebel and royalist troops appeared moving towards a showdown over control of the country. "The situation is extremely confused and no one can be sure of what is going on," a western resident said. *(Reuter, AP)*

Lillehammer appeal today

OSLO (Reuter). — Norway's Supreme Court meets here today to hear an appeal by four Jews against their conviction of complicity in the murder of an alleged member of the Black September terrorist movement last July.

The Supreme Court will not reconsider their guilt since an appeal only concerns the length of sentence and, for three of them, the application of law by the trial court.

They are Sylvia Rafael, 37, Abraham Gehmer 36, Dan Aerbel, 37, who all were found guilty of complicity in the killing of a Moroccan waiter, Ahmed Bouchiki, at Lillehammer, East Norway, last July 21.

Rafael and Gehmer each received a 5½ year sentence and Aerbel five years.

Marianne Gladnikoff, 30, who was convicted of complicity to manslaughter and received a 2½-year sentence, is also appealing.

New U.S. defence post for economic affairs

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Defence Department Tuesday created a new post to deal with international economic affairs as they affect U.S. national security, such as the energy situation and Nato costs.

The Pentagon announced that Dr. Roger Shields, who was formerly in charge of matters concerning Vietnam prisoners of war, has been named to the new post as Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Economic Affairs.

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Foreman wins on technical knockout in second round

4.43 K.O.—Heavyweight champion George Foreman was hailed as one of the hardest punchers of the modern era after he destroyed challenger Ken Norton in less than five minutes in their title fight on Tuesday night at the Poliedro Arena in Caracas, Venezuela. After a fairly even first round, Foreman needed only one minute and 43 seconds of the second round to successfully defend his title on a technical knockout. There were three knockdowns in the round, with the referee stopping the fight after Foreman's left hook spun Norton sideways and right across dropped him onto his back, as seen in this AP radiophoto. (Reuter)

Leaders should win

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National League leaders Netanya Maccabi, now being pressed by Tel Aviv Maccabi and Kfar Saba Hapoel, return home this Saturday to entertain last season's champions, Ramat Gan Hakoah.

The Ramat Gan team this season has been only a shadow of the team that powered its way to the championship; only in two or three games have they shown the same form since the war. Hakoah are currently in 12th place and have conceded 21 goals compared to Netanya Maccabi's seven goals. A feature of this season has been the superb defensive record of Netanya Maccabi.

It would suggest that Hakoah cannot expect to score many goals this weekend, though with Sharabani, Yehiel and Farkas in the line-up, a surprise could turn up in this game. A draw should be allowed for in football pool forecasts, although the odds look clearly in Netanya's favour on their own grounds.

Tel Aviv Maccabi also look to be strong favourites in their home game against luckless Haifa Maccabi. Only team spirit can possibly get Haifa off the bottom rung, but the Haifaites seem to lack inspiration. On paper, the Haifa team is not nearly as bad as their league position would indicate, but against a Tel Aviv Maccabi keen to take over again at the top, their chances for points do not look good at the Bloomfield Stadium.

Kfar Saba Hapoel returns home to what promises to be a tough game against Petah Tikva Hapoel. The Petah Tikva side scored a useful 2:0 win in a cup game against Beersheba Hapoel midweek and will be encouraged by this result. This appears to be an encounter in which defences will be on top, and the odd goal either way would be enough to collect the points.

The most interesting game on this Saturday's card is between Jaffa Maccabi and Petah Tikva Maccabi. The Jaffa defence, led by Moshe Leon and Shlomo Ninio, has tightened up impressively and if the Jaffa forwards could match the level of their rearguard, they would surely be one of the best teams in the country. Petah Tikva Maccabi has produced variable form this season, ranging from effective scoring football to the lackadaisical. Jaffa Maccabi may pull off a narrow win.

This Saturday will see also a Betar clash, between that movement's teams from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Jerusalem Betar too has tightened up its game in recent weeks, and in midweek held Hakoah to a draw in Ramat Gan. The teams stand 5th and 6th in the table, with the Tel Avivians showing a better scoring average. However, most recent form coupled with home ground advantage may just give the Jerusalem team the edge at the YMCA ground.

Two teams who have been floundering at the foot of the league for months, but who are showing much improved football in recent weeks, are Tel Aviv Hapoel and Jerusalem Hapoel. The two meet in Tel Aviv and here again home ground advantage might just see Kalderon, Feigenbaum and company through to an odd goal win, though a draw must be allowed for.

Record sum of IL2,267,000 was invested in the Sportoto football pool last week, and prize money totalled IL1,191,000. Twenty-five persons got all 13 listed matches right, to collect IL24,800 each. Twelve results were chalked up in 547 coupons and were worth IL345; 11 results taking IL36 and 10 results a princely IL6.50.

A minimum of IL600,000 will be paid out in prize money after this week's games, Sportoto announced.

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P.T. Hapoel gain upper hand in State Cup

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Only Petah Tikva Hapoel managed to gain a first leg advantage in the quarter-finals of the State Cup soccer matches played on Tuesday, when beating Beersheba Hapoel 2:0.

The other two games played on Tuesday ended in draws, Hakoah and Jerusalem Betar parting 1:1, and Haifa Hapoel playing a goal-less draw against Tel Aviv Hapoel. The return games will be played on April 9.

Petah Tikva Maccabi and Tel Aviv Maccabi meet at the Bloomfield Stadium at 6.30 this evening.

Libyan oil 'leak' helped U.S. survive Arab embargo

DALLAS (UPI). — Leakage of oil from Libya despite the official embargo against shipment to the U.S. helped the U.S. survive the blockage without serious damage, an administration energy officer said yesterday.

The U.S. could not and did not get along without Arab oil or refined products during the embargo, the "Dallas Morning News" yesterday quoted Duke Ligon, assistant Federal Energy Office administrator, as saying in a copyright report.

Ligon said dependence on foreign oil is growing. And he warned that the Arab nations can turn the oil off again, "something we must not let happen."

Libya remains publicly a holdout in releasing of oil to the U.S. during the October to March embargo. But Ligon said Libyan oil "leaked" through European markets and reached America in "considerable amounts." Its route remains a mystery, he added.

Standard Oil planned cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Senate investigators yesterday disclosed documentation indicating oil company fears of a surplus oil supply in the early '70s.

Staff members of a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee said a 1968 document from the files of Standard Oil Company of California predicted an economic department forecast of "large potential surplus" through 1973.

They said the memo indicated a recommendation that *cutbacks occur in some foreign production areas* to allow for some increases in Saudi Arabia and Iran where pressures were on for stepping up production.

Staff members said the memo would be discussed with officials of Standard Oil of California in open hearings today on the influence of multinational oil corporations on U.S. foreign policy.

Moscow Jew on hunger strike to protest call-up

MOSCOW (UPI). — Vyacheslav Fishkin, 19, a Moscow Jew who has applied to go to Israel, has begun a hunger strike to protest attempts to draft him into the army, Jewish sources said yesterday.

They said Fishkin began the strike on Monday, along with Yuri Napuh, 19, who had received his draft papers earlier. But Napuh was told yesterday he had received permission to emigrate, they said.

Two other Jews, Yuli Veksler, 26, and Alexander Vilinsky, 27, have been served draft notices, the sources said. They said Veksler, who was refused permission to emigrate 18 months ago, has declared he will not go to the draft office.

Solzhenitsyn's family to leave Russia tomorrow

MOSCOW (UPI). — The wife of Alexander Solzhenitsyn said yesterday she will leave Moscow tomorrow to join her husband in exile in Switzerland. Travelling with her will be her four children and her mother.

Natalya Solzhenitsyn, the writer's wife, had planned to leave earlier but her departure was delayed by the illness last week of her 11-month-old son.

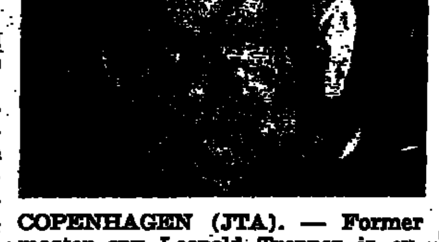
She obtained visas for herself and her family on Monday from the Swiss embassy.

Solzhenitsyn was expelled on February 13 and stripped of his citizenship, one day after secret police arrested him at his home. He recently announced that he had decided to make his home in Switzerland.

In a 500-word farewell statement made available to Western newsmen, Mrs. Solzhenitsyn said: "My place is at his side, but it's tortuously painful to leave, painful to be separated from Russia, painful that our children are doomed to a life without the motherland, painful and difficult to leave behind friends ... [illegible] ... administration.

"Only the belief we shall return makes it possible to bear this pain."

Trepper to visit Israel next week



COPENHAGEN (JTA). — Former master spy Leopold Trepper is expected to leave for Israel on April 2 for a month-long visit. Sources here indicate that the trip is in preparation for his final emigration to the country, which he hopes will take place sometime this year.

Trepper recently returned to Denmark from London where he underwent medical treatment for his leg ailment. He reports his condition is improved, but that he must return for further treatment following his trip to Israel.

Paris, Bonn disagree on ties with U.S.

PARIS. — President George Pompidou said yesterday France was in favour of U.S.-European consultation and cooperation but rejected any control by Washington over European decision-making.

"If the U.S. asks Europe to inform it and consult with it, it is clear that France and its partners agree to this," Information Minister Jean-Philippe Lecat quoted the 62-year-old President as telling yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

But, Pompidou said "if, on the contrary, the aim is to obtain prior U.S. agreement to which the European Community be subjected concerning its internal development and in gradual construction of its identity — in that event, France would disagree," according to Lecat.

However, in Bonn, West German Defence Minister Georg Leber yesterday rebuked French advocates of a European go-it-alone policy, and stressed Western Europe's dependence on the U.S. and the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance.

The cohesion of Nato was a major precondition for the success of moves towards European unity, he told a Lower House debate on defence. Although the nations of Western Europe must work for political union in their own way, there was no doubt that union could not be achieved by turning away from the U.S., Leber declared.

(UPI, Reuter)

UK assurance on remaining in Hongkong

LONDON (UPI). — The government said yesterday there is no question of the British presence being withdrawn from Hongkong. David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said, "I can give that assurance. There is no doubt that the government's commitments to Hongkong will remain."

Ennals was replying to a parliamentary question by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, foreign secretary in the former Conservative government.

Douglas-Home asked "Will you recognize the absolute importance of maintaining confidence in Hongkong?"

Earlier Anthony Royle, a former junior foreign office minister in the Conservative government, said there is concern in Hongkong that the Labour government is considering withdrawing from Southeast Asia.

Ennals replied that no change will be made in Britain's defence commitments without fullest consultation "with our allies and the inhabitants of the area."

Barzani warns of all-out war; Bakr: autonomy without consent

BEYZI, Iraq (AP). — Mulla Mustafa Barzani, leader of Iraq's rebellious Kurdish minority, said yesterday that his tribesmen and Iraqi Government troops "face the possibility of all-out war." He pleaded for outside mediation "to help us in this tragic moment."

Barzani's statement in answer to reporters' questions came shortly after expiration of a 15-day ultimatum given the Kurds to accept a Government plan to establish an autonomous region of Kurdistan in Iraq. The plan proposed to merge all northern Iraqi areas with a Kurdish majority into the province and give the 2.3 million Kurds in the areas self-rule.

Barzani and his Kurdistan Democratic Party demanded that the region of Kirkuk, Iraq's richest oil-producing area, be included in the autonomous province. The Iraqi Government rejected this.

"The Government has made no concession to Kurdish demands and has shown no serious intentions in talks to date," the 70-year-old Barzani said in his statement.

The Barzani statement appeared to be a response to an announcement by Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr that no agreement could be reached with the Kurds. He said in Baghdad on Tuesday that his government would go ahead with its plans for an autonomous Kurdistan without Kurdish consent. Al-Bakr said Barzani and his party were ready to accept the government plan only if the Kirkuk dispute were settled.

The autonomy announced by Baghdad "is not autonomy," Barzani said, and he blamed the Government's "unilateral declaration of autonomy" for the breakdown in negotiations.

Meanwhile, the Kurdish militia were on active alert here and throughout Kurdish Iraq. A local Kurdish commander said that "If the Iraqis don't attack soon, then we shall."

UN force in Cyprus 'blocks peace'

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP). — The continuing presence of the UN Peace Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) "in a way works against the settlement of the Cyprus problem," the senior UN official on the island said yesterday.

But the time of its withdrawal "can only be determined by the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities, the main parties to the conflict," said Bibiano Osorio-Tafall, special representative in Cyprus of the UN Secretary-General.

Speaking on the 10th anniversary of the date when UNFICYP became operational — on March 27, 1964 — Osorio-Tafall said that as a result of the presence of the peace force "the two sides can continue shouting but not shooting at each other."

Osorio-Tafall has been in Cyprus for the past seven years and was instrumental in starting talks between the two sides in June, 1968.

There has been no recurrence of fighting since the talks started. But the two sides have not yet agreed on the main stumbling block — the amount of autonomy to be enjoyed by the Turkish Cypriots who form one-fifth of the island's 600,000 population.

"I am the first to admit that the indefinite continuation of the force fails to create among the parties concerned a sense of urgency to solve the outstanding problem," Osorio-Tafall said.

Osorio-Tafall said that although the continuation of the force works against solution of the problem, it helps in creating a favourable climate and good atmosphere. "It is up to the main parties to try to settle their differences," he said.

Following the formation of UNFICYP, 7,000 soldiers from seven nations arrived in Cyprus in the spring of 1964 to stop the fighting then raging intermittently between the two communities.

With the comparative return to normal, the force has been steadily reduced in the past five years. It is now down to just over 2,000 men — a number that Osorio-Tafall said is the "absolute minimum" under the terms of its mandate.

Its total cost over 10 years is $170m., this is covered by voluntary donations from member states.

London shares slump

LONDON (AP). — Higher personal and corporation taxes in the new Labour Government's first budget sent the London stock market plunging to an 11-year low yesterday.

But the pound sterling rallied yesterday on exchange markets, achieving its highest dollar rate in five months. This was in response to a big new dollar loan to defend the balance of payments, after a record £429m. trade deficit in February.

Share values fell on the stock exchange, mainly in response to a lifting of the tax on business profits to 52 per cent. By early afternoon the "Financial Times" index of 30 leading industrials had dropped 13.3 points to 279.9, its lowest since January 1963. Nearer the close the market had recovered slightly.

Brokers said a number of factors were responsible for the plunge, among them:

- Higher sales taxes on cigarettes, whisky and petrol.
- Higher corporation taxes.
- Higher income taxes weighted against the richest taxpayers,

and the prospect of a wealth tax later in the year on people with annual incomes over £50,000, and the closing of tax loopholes involving securities.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey served notice that he plans a second budget later in the year and brokers said this prospect created further uncertainty on the stock market.

F.O. rejects angry protest over Shazly

SA'AD SHAZLY

LONDON (AP).—The Labour government yesterday shrugged off an angry protest in the House of Commons against its acceptance of Lt. Gen. Sa'ad Eddin Shazly, former Egyptian army chief of staff, as that country's new ambassador in London.

The appointment was "an affront, and quite unacceptable" both to the Jewish community and to freedom-lovers as a whole, said Conservative MP Michael Fidler.

He charged that 10 years ago, when Shazly was a military attache in the Egyptian embassy here, he was "in close touch and contact with Fascist organizations in Britain," which were raising money to engage in anti-Semitic activities.

According to British press reports, Shazly had connections at that time with the Neo-Fascist National Socialist Movement.

Confirming that Shazly's appointment had been approved, Minister of State at the Foreign Office David Ennals said it would be "improper" for him to discuss "press allegations" against Shazly.

"He has been accepted as ambassador of Egypt—a country with which we wish to have friendly relations," Ennals said.

The bitter criticism of Shazly's appointment also was based on his directives to his soldiers to kill Israel prisoners of war.

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New Soviet envoy to Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter). — Egypt has approved the appointment of Vladimir Polyakov, formerly Ambassador in Aden, as the new Soviet envoy in Cairo, Soviet sources said yesterday.

He succeeds Vladimir Vinogradov, who has been in Geneva, as head of the permanent Soviet delegation to the Middle East peace conference since last December.

Cables in brief

HADASSAH. — Miriam Fierst, a former National Vice-President of Hadassah, died at home in New York on Monday, after a short illness. She was 83.

PHYSICIST — Dr. Edward U. Condon, world-renowned physicist who was instrumental in development of the atomic bomb, died on Monday in Boulder, Colorado at the age of 72.

LENNON. — A petition with 60,000 signatures asking the British Government to pardon ex-Beatle John Lennon from his 1968 conviction on a drugs charge was delivered to Prime Minister Harold Wilson on Tuesday.

JORDAN. — The Taiwan Government has decided to give Jordan a loan of $5m. to be used for a three-year development plan which includes construction of roads.

VATICAN — Pope Paul's "foreign minister," Monsignor Agostino Casaroli, left Rome yesterday for Cuba in the first visit to the country by a senior Vatican official since Fidel Castro came to power.

New tempest over Trieste

By WILLIAM L. RYAN

NEW YORK (AP). — A few days ago Yugoslavia's army moved tanks to the border in the Trieste area, a move prompted by an Italian protest mysterious enough to make it seem almost as inscrutable as the ...

Yugoslav television showed tanks rolling into Koper, the one-time Italian city of Capodistria. That was described as a "friendly" visit. But the display popular anger at Italy had been manifest since March 11 when the whole curious business began.

It may represent a minor central European tempest, but it could turn out to be serious. The big question is why? Why does Italy suddenly resurrect a border quarrel the world had thought safely dead and buried a generation ago?

Long ago, a compromise brought the separation of the Trieste territory, an outcome regarded then as a historical benchmark for European diplomacy. What had threatened to become a flashpoint simmered down and the danger faded away.

Here's the background:

After World War II, a cold war clash was developing over the Trieste area. The tension was eased in 1947 by a peace treaty between Italy and Yugoslavia dividing what was called "the free territory of Trieste" into zones A and B, the former under British-American management, the latter under the Yugoslavs.

By big power agreement, the British-American military rule ended with a London agreement of 1954. It stipulated that zone A would be under Italian authority and zone B under Yugoslav civilian rule. Eventually, each country incorporated its territory without the formality of any additional international treaty.

Sudden protest

The years rolled by without the area ever again causing a ripple in the international scene. Then, suddenly, on March 11, Italy protested Yugoslav border signs along its zone designating it as territory of Yugoslavia in the province of Slovenia.

The Italians claimed this violated the 1954 London pact and referred to zone B as "Italian territory." Yugoslavia fired off a retort on March 15, protesting what it saw as an attempt to turn Yugoslav territory into Italian.

The Yugoslav Federal Executive Council says the Italian move is "an overt attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity" of Yugoslavia and "a harsh attempt to violate the existing agreements which have definitely determined the Italian-Yugoslav border."

The mystery *is: Why? Especially* at this time. The Yugoslavs sound shaken, noting that over the past 20 years much progress was made in relations with Italy and much had been said on both sides about the "most open borders in Europe." A flourishing trade has grown up between the two, also. Now Yugoslavia suggests the whole process could be reversed by the Italian attitude.

The odd thing about this is that at Geneva, where 35 nations are meeting in a European security conference, Italy seems to support Yugoslavia's view that post-war European frontiers should be final.

The Yugoslavs seem at a loss to explain it. One commentary has suggested, with a note of mystification, that perhaps some Italian elements saw a prospect that Yugoslavia would be weak toward the phasing out of the Tito era and thus "incapable of responding with adequate measures to any pressures."

Evidently to banish any such notion, the Yugoslavs sent the tanks to Koper on their "friendly" mission. The visit came against a background of protest rallies in Yugoslavia and angry reaction to what the press called Italian "pretensions to Yugoslav territory."

"We know how to preserve what is ours," one press commentary told the Italians.

It may be that this tempest actually is of the teapot variety, but it may be some time before the whys and wherefores are clear.

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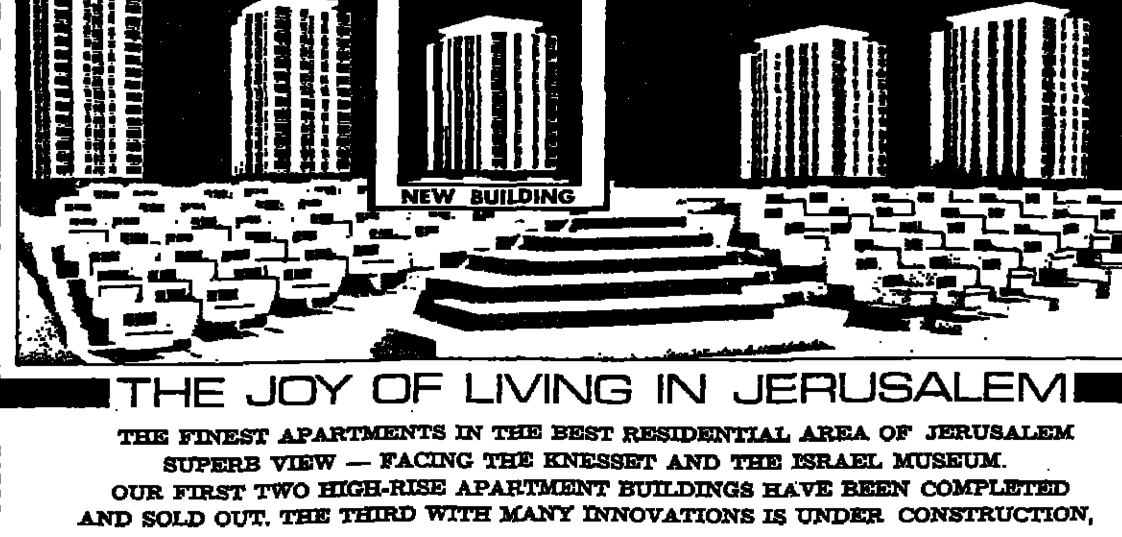

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FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Famous artists" — with Leopold Stokowski, Jean-Pierre Rampal, Shirley Verrett, Vladimir Horowitz, The Israel Woodwind Quintet, Laurindo Almeida, "Renanim" Choir, Giacomo Bogliolo (accordeon), The "Fine Arts" Quartet and Yuri Mazurok (Baritone). 9.05 "Light Classical Music," played by Maurice Andre (Trumpet), and Arthur Fiedler and his Orchestra. 9.55 English News. 10.05 "The Israel Broadcasting Music Club" — (Second Broadcast). "Soul Music" (Part One), with Avi Shoshani (Romances in Ladino), Giora Feidman (Hassidic Tunes) and Jimmy Lloyd (Negro Spirituals). Producer — Eddie Halpern. 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programmes for Elementary schools. 12.35 Midday Concert — Janacek: Sinfonietta (Conductor: Claudio Abbado). 1.05 At Midday. 1.35 Midday concert — Kabalewski: Cello Concerto (Soloist: Daniel Shafran); Ries: "Perpetuum Mobile." 2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — Bettering Your Knowledge. 3.30 Literature. 3.50 Book Review. 4.05 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra (Stereo) — A recorded concert — (Second Broadcast) — Mahler Symphony No.9 (Conductor: Otto Klemperer). 5.55 English News. 6.05 "People and Figures." 6.25 Programme for the Worker and Employer. 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today" 7.25 Bible Reading: Joshua, chaps. 7 and 8. 8.05 This week in the Knesset. 8.30 "Listen to the Band" Orchestra and Horns of Jack Nilsson. 9.05 "New Sounds" (Stereo) from Radio Switzerland — Josef Haselbach: "Fuer Zwei," for two Flutes; Ernst Pfiffner: "Ode," for Baritone, Clarinet, Horn, Viola, Cello and small percussion instruments; Hans Ulrich Lehmann: "Faces," for Piano, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Violin and Cello; Jacques Wildberger "Double Refrain," for Flute, English Horn, Guitar and Tape; Heinz Holliger: "Lied," for Flute-Solo. Producer — Joan Williams. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "The Composer and the Text" (Second Broadcast) — Mozart and his Poets. A programme produced by Edna Anati. 12.05 A moment of poetry. 12.06 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and tunes. 5.05-5.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 423, 353 and 349.5 M.

5.05 a.m. Songs and tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.58 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 "Hebrew songs." 7.55 "Green light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 Good Morning. 8.35 Names and events in the headlines. 9.05 Good morning (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.40 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — songs and sketches. 1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 12.25 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli. 3.05 Requests. 3.55 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A moment of Hebrew 4.06 "Hebrew Edition" — Foreign Songs Translated into Hebrew. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hebrew Edition (cont.) 5.05 "Personal Request." 6.05 "Songs We Loved." 6.45 Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 Folk Songs. 10.05 "A Matter of Taste." 10.52 Light Music. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "I am yours and you are mine." 12.05 "Old favourites." 1.05-3.00 Songs and tunes.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE

5.30 p.m. News 5.32 Circus. 5.40 "The World of Walt Disney." 8.00 Morasha. 8.30 Mabat. 9.05 Hawaii 5-0. 9.50 "Future Shock" — Documentary. 10.40 The Match of the Week. 11.30 News. Educational: 8.15 a.m. Maths 5. 9.05 Maths 6. 9.35 Electricity 8. 10.00 Technology 9. 10.30 Geometry 8. 10.40 "Safety." 11.05 Biology. 11.35 Science 6. 12.00p.m. Algebra 9. 1.00 Electricity 10. 1.20 French. 1.40 Film 4.00 English 4.15 Geometry. 4.36 "Request for freedom. 4.52 Film. 5.00 Youth Magazine.

Arabic: 6.30 p.m. News. 6.32 Cartoons. 6.45 This is your problem. 7.30 News.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
455 M.

6.58 p.m. Opening 7.00 News. 7.20 Songs and Melody. 8.00 News 8.05 Songs and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
457, 422, 356, 249, 355 and 348.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. 7.15 Georgian. 7.35 Yiddish 8.00 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian 9.10 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00-7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 9.55 a.m. (1st programme); 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 5.55 p.m. (1st programme); 8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme); 10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.15 a.m. (5th programme and short waves); 10.55 a.m. (1st programme); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.50 p.m. (1st programme); 8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00a.m. (short waves).

1st Programme — 256, 522 and 221 M.
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
Short waves — 16, 19, 25, 31, 33, 41 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL

6.05 a.m. Early Morning Tunes. 6.55 For soldiers and their families. 7.05 Morning Tunes (cont.) 7.55 Programme Trailer 8.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 8.30 Requests 9.55 For Soldiers and their Families. Requests 10.55 Uri Sela's Corner. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Happened. It Happened." 1.35 Warm and Tasty. 1.55 p.m. Announcements to soldiers. 2.05 Light entertainment with Mani Peer and Revital Amir 2.30 Quiz. 2.57 Programme Trailer 3.05 Light Entertainment (cont.) 4.05 Please Call 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for everybody. 6.05 "A Man's Life" — with the painter Nahum Gutman. 7.05 By Request. 9.05 "Galei Zahal Complaint Box." 10.05 Tonight — with Yosef Lapid. 11.45 Livni's talk. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan and Pnina Bat Zvi. 1.05-6.00 Tunes in the night.

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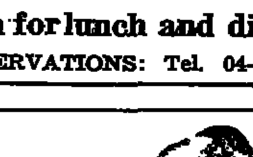

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AVIV STOCKS

Profit-taking drops prices

AVIV. — Profit-taking set in rday in the stock market and s also fell in the variables. urnover was a high IL4,240,400; of this, IL2,404,000 was in the bles.

ancial circles believe that the slip occurred partly because it believed that Mizrahi would re very generous dividends. But ahi only declared a five per cash and a 10 per cent bonus dividend.

count Investment fell by nine s after 100,000 were offered, n the variables fell by another closing at 230.5; IDB remained despite a demand for 7,000 in opening round, but in the va- s it fell by seven to 206. te a demand for 100,000 shares of Bank Leumi, it failed to rise in the opening round, and in the variables it slipped by three to 299. Tefahot Ordinary lost 13 points after 70,000 was offered, and then another three, closing at 256. Hassneh lost 0.5 and then 12.5, closing at 223. ILDC lost one and then nine, closing at 173. Poalim Investment gained two, but then fell by three, closing at 238. Mizrahi Investment gained 1.5 but this was lost by a 1.5 fall in the variables, so it closed at 114, the opening round price. And Bank Leumi Invesment gained five to meet a demand of 160, but then lost three, closing at 222.

Index-linked bonds rose. The turnover was IL14,600,000.

The Natad dollar lost five points to IL4.85 and at this price some $140,000 were traded.

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Bankholding	r	213	213
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British Bank	b	320	311
nt Bank "A"	r	553	552
Mizrahi Bank	b	175.5	—
Hapoalim — 10%	b	347	346
Leumi "A"	r	302	302
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Mortgage Bank	b	245	244
l Mortg. & Inv.	b	164	158.5
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t 8%	b	258	256
t	b	269	272
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torage—IL10	r	394.5	398.5
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CITRUS			
n	r	190	192.5
Israel IL10	r	285	281
Isr. Land Dev.	b	182	183
Solel Boneh — 10%	b	138	138
Property & Build.	r	203	206
Isras	b	159	165
Mehadrin	r	310.5	310.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	b	87.5	87
Anglo-Isr. Investors	b	170	173
Neot Aviv	r	82	80
Pri Or Ltd.	r	185	178.5
Rassco—8%	r	87.5	87.5
Rassco—O.	r	68.5	68.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	491	490
Elco—2.5	b	107	109
Electra—5	r	238	234
"Argaman"—8%	b	330.5	332
"Ata"—C	r	119.5	120
Dubek	b	415	419
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	202	202
Teva	b	1080	1060
Chem. & Phosphates	r	88	90
Lewin Epstein	b	68.5	71
Moller Textile	r	175	181
Phoenicia—8%	b	106	106
Paper Mills	r	313	320
Assis "B"	r	231.5	234
Nechushtan	b	339.5	339.5
Shemen—8%	b	135	135
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Elgar	b	89	92.5
Ellern	b	188.5	190
Israel Central Trade	r	208	205
Bank Hapoalim	b	241	238
Paz	b	99.5	99
Wolfson IL10	b	104	104
Ampa	r	124	123
Discount Bank	b	236.5	245.5
United Mizrahi	b	115.5	114
Bank Leumi	r	225	230
Piryon Investment	r	96	98
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Prices remain stable in Lilienblum

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — Demand and supply n both cases considerable — nued to balance each other out rday in Lilienblum Street, and s remained fairly stable. However gold fell by IL200 to stand at 200 a kilo.

Other prices: dollars in one hundred dollar banknotes, IL4.90; dollar smaller banknotes, IL4.85; dollar cheques, IL4.50 to IL4.60; DM, IL1.80; French franc, IL0.95; Swiss franc, IL1.50; sovereigns, IL255, and a kilo of silver, IL1,080.

Shipping managers end visit here

By JAMES KRAUS

managers of eight major ican moving companies on a nding visit to Israel, this week d up their 10-day tour and ex- ed a favourable impression of ge facilities in Israel.

e companies — from New York, n, Chicago, Washington and Angeles — include such major prises as Allied Van Lines and American Van Lines and e 80 percent of all shipments nmigrants from the U.S. At vitation of the Jewish Agency, at their own expense, they d port facilities in Haifa and d and met with port managers, customs officials, and representatives of Zim Lines and the El Al cargo division.

The suggestion for the visit first came several months ago from the Israel Aliya Centre in New York as a result of a study commissioned by the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency. Many immigrants had paid for door-to-door shipments but, once in Israel, found they had been billed additionally for the transportation out of dockyard and warehouse storage. At Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim and the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre, the group met with new immigrants where they heard complaints and suggestions regarding their services.

LL STREET Closing Wed., March 27, 1974

Stocks slide lower

YORK (AP). — The stock t, evidently troubled by an tain economic outlook, slid ly lower yesterday in slow g.

Dow Jones average of 30 rials was down nine points an hour before the close. osers outnumbered gainers by than two to one on the York Stock Exchange. Industrials, financial and transportation issues were lower. Utilities were also weak while gold stocks were higher.

The market downturn, which came after a week of little movement in the market, was spurred by no specific news development. Analysts said it appeared buying simply had dried up as investors tried to assess economy trends.

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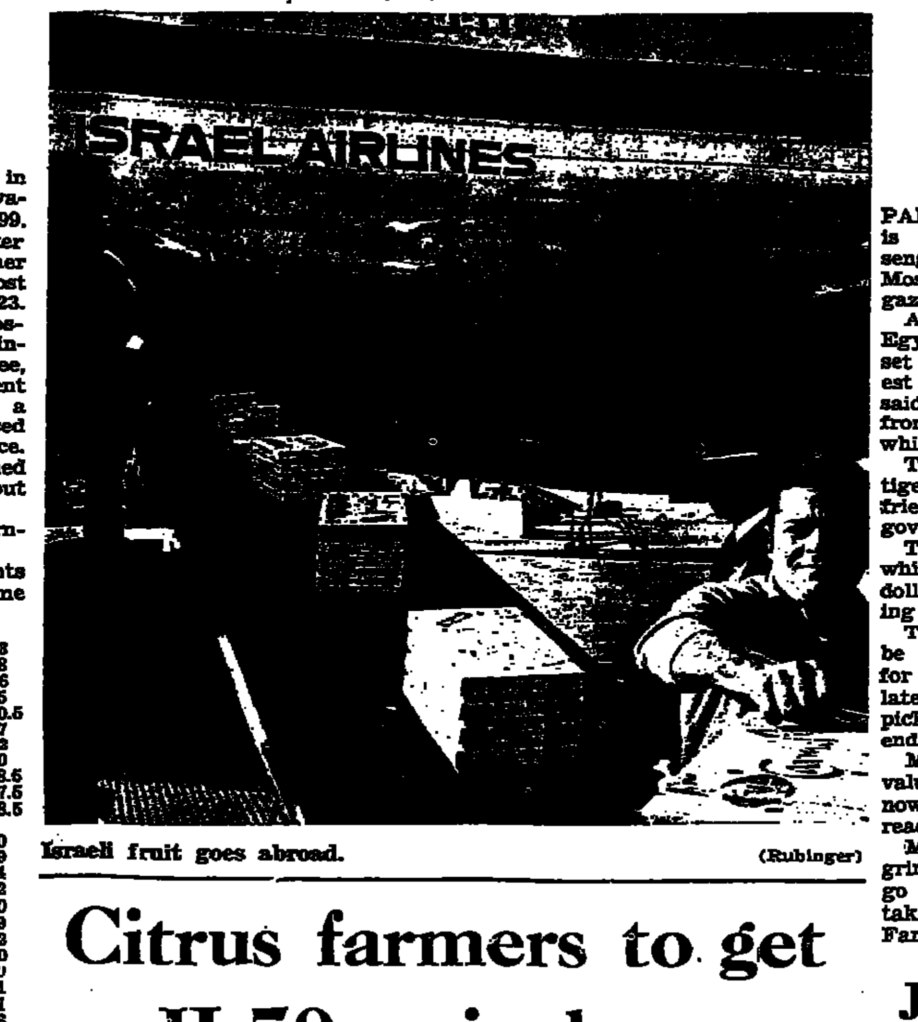

Israeli fruit goes abroad. (Rubinger)

Citrus farmers to get IL50m. in loans

Jerusalem Post Staff

Citrus farmers should receive a standing loan of IL50m., to compensate for losses caused by the war, the Knesset Economic Committee recommended on Tuesday. The loan will be converted into a grant if this estimate of losses is confirmed at the end of the season.

Presenting the motion, Pesach Gruper (Likud), of the Farmers Association, pointed out that due to the October war, 50 million boxes were not shipped — involving a loss of IL30m. Other unforeseen cost items include IL1.5m. for conveying fruit to Japan through the Panama Canal, while the exit from Eilat was blocked by the Egyptians.

The only vote against the motion was cast by the committee's chairman, Shmuel Tamir, also of Likud. He supported the Ministry of Agriculture's view that it would be better to wait until the end of the season before even making a loan.

He stressed that at a time when subsidies on bread, rice and other staples are cut, it is necessary to examine priorities carefully before handing out public funds.

Total cost increase affecting citrus farmers during the past year comes to IL142m., representing swollen outlays on wages, fuel, fertilizers, haulage, etc. — this at a time when export prices did not increase at all (they were around $2.50 a box, like last year).

Explaining this to the National Council of Tnuva Export, the Managing Director, Reuven Eiland, pointed out on Tuesday that the citrus industry had not seen such a crisis since World War II. "If we do not receive government help we will not be able to balance the budget." Mr. Eiland blamed the present crisis on last year's frost, the October war, "and the three weeks of non-stop rains we had in January, during which no fruit was picked or packed."

Arab League said interested in S.S. France

PARIS (AP). — The Arab League is interested in buying the passenger liner S.S. France to carry Moslem pilgrims to Mecca, the magazine "Le Point" said this week.

An Arab consortium, including Egypt and Saudi Arabia, would be set up to buy the France, the largest passenger liner afloat, "Le Point" said. No comment was available from officials of the French Line, which operates the ship.

The purchase would be "a prestige coup" for the Arabs and a friendly gesture towards the Paris government, "Le Point" said.

The "France" is a money loser which is expected to be 25 million dollars in the red this year, according to the French Line.

The line was said last month to be considering putting the ship up for sale, but Premier Pierre Messmer later said the government would pick up the ship's losses until the end of this year.

Maritime sources said the ship's value is about 50 million dollars now — a sum easily within the reach of the Arab oil states.

More than a million Moslem pilgrims vist Mecca each year. Most go by plane but many undertake long voyages by sea from the Far East.

J'lem merchants moot tax-strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Merchants Association voted on Tuesday to withhold payment of municipal business taxes unless the Municipality brings the Capital's levies in line with those of Tel Aviv and Haifa.

The Association's executive reiterated the claim that Jerusalem's retailers now are being charged taxes "200 to 800 per cent higher" than their counterparts in the other two large cities. The Association asked that the equalization move be made by Municipality authorities at the coming meeting of the Town Council, on March 31.

Association secretary Avraham Birnbaum told *The Jerusalem Post* Tuesday night that support for the merchants' stand has already been promised by four of the minor factions in the Municipality. A meeting will be held tomorrow with representatives of the Likud faction in the hope of winning its backing as well, he said.

Israel plastics industry worried by costs of raw materials

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

The survival of Israel's plastic-product companies is allegedly imperilled — because they have to pay more for their raw materials than their competitors abroad.

Questioned about this last week, local industrialists explained to *The Jerusalem Post* that prices have soared for two reasons: the oil crisis (since plastics are a derivative of oil), and a surge in world demand for plastics, which has created a sellers' market.

Plastic-product prices have risen less than raw material prices, and that cuts profits. But Israel's position is worse, owing to its special situation. For this country constitutes a marginal importer, paying less than the average price for raw materials when supplies are ample, and more when they are scarce.

Said one manufacturer: "The big European companies have long-term contracts. When they were buying materials like polyethylene or PVC for $400 a ton, we got unsold surpluses for $180 or $200. Today prices have risen, but the big buyers are still paying only $600-$700, because they have first rights. The shortage hits us the worst: we have to pay $1,200 and more, if we are to get supplies.

"The result is that finished products from abroad are selling here at less than the price we have to pay for our raw materials."

Raw materials are produced locally, too, in Israel Petrochemicals and Israel Electrochemicals. The Government maintains controls on their prices. Oded Erez, chief of the Food and Chemicals Division in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, told *The Post* this week: 'Israeli-made polyethylene was priced two or three months ago at IL2,800 a ton. They could have got $1,300 (or IL6,500) by selling abroad; but the Government did not allow them to. Now the factory is allowed to charge IL3,800 — which is still less than the world price.

"A certain type of PVC is priced locally at IL5,900 a ton. It could fetch $1,650 abroad," he said (or IL8,660, including the latest export incentive).

"But these two companies cannot supply all the raw materials needed. The plastic-product manufacturers still have to buy a large proportion of their inputs abroad. (This situation will be remedied under a massive IL1,500m. expansion programme now being launched.)

The manufacturers have consequently had to make their goods more expensive — and fear they may be pricing themselves out of the market. They were recently allowed yet another increase, of 42 per cent, by the Commerce Ministry, in recognition of their swollen production costs. But they dare not apply it all, because their sales will be affected.

"To the extent that plastics prices have risen for good, making other substitutes cheaper, we must resign ourselves to the change," one manufacturer said. "But much of this inflation is temporary, and will pass as production catches up with world demand. A year from now the situation will settle. Meanwhile we need room to breathe. Those production lines that would stay properly competitive in normal times must be helped to survive until those times return."

One solution is to remit the sales tax — which has gone up with rising prices, being *ad valorem*. Also, the sales tax in general was hiked by five per cent at the time of the October war.

Thus a PVC profile cost IL76 for 100 metres (net of tax) in November 1972, and IL194.40 last month. The sales tax rose in the same period from IL11.40 to IL38.90. This increases the present-day price to IL233.30.

The small plastic container for a bottle of yoghurt went up in the same period from 2.638 agorot to 5.711. Meanwhile the sales tax rose from 12.5 to 17.5 per cent. The total price is up from 2.968 agorot to 6.711 — just for the container.

Another demand is that the customs on imported raw materials be reduced to zero. This has been accepted in principle by the Ministry, but is not yet applied in practice. The competing local raw-material manufacturers object, official sources say.

On the other hand plastics will continue to be the most economic material for many uses, Erez believes — which is why the industry as a whole is going to remain an important sector in the economy. And there is already a softening of the market abroad. "Prices have not yet actually fallen. But at least shortages are less acute than they were, and supplies are beginning to become more freely available," he said.

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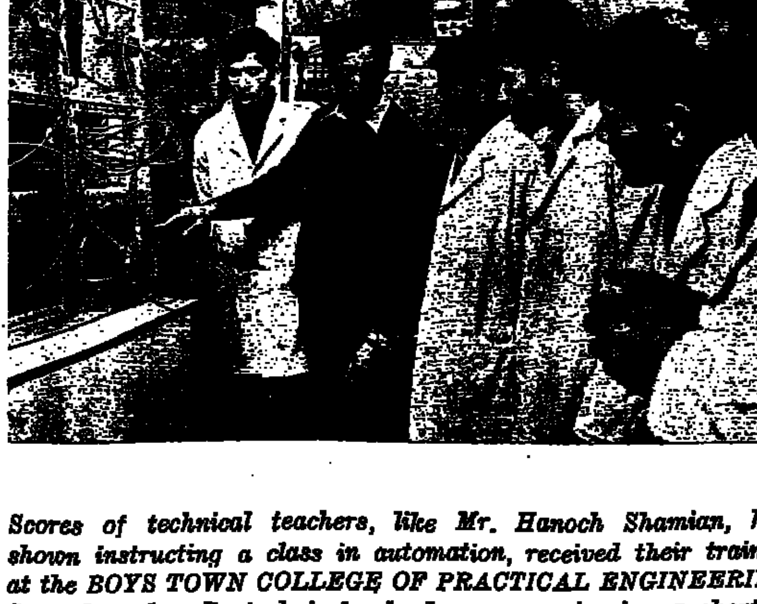

Scores of technical teachers, like Mr. Hanoch Shamian, here shown instructing a class in automation, received their training at the BOYS TOWN COLLEGE OF PRACTICAL ENGINEERING, Jerusalem. Israel's technical schools are experiencing a shortage of qualified teachers and BOYS TOWN is undergoing an expansion programme to meet this need.

(Communicated)

Magic spell of Bach

Music Reviews

THE magic name of Johann Sebastian Bach worked its spell again, and the Church of the Redeemer in the Old City of Jerusalem was filled to capacity to hear Kazuko Ishida on the organ, assisted by Shlomo Tidhar and Naomi Rogel, recorders, Richard Assayas, viola, and Rudi Abileah, cello. Featured singers were soprano Cilla Grossmeyer and baritone Willy Haparnas (March 21). The ambitious programme included six arias from cantatas, a duet from the Mass in G, chorale preludes and the Fantasia and Fugue in c minor — an almost over-rich feast. The presentations were, on the whole, satisfying and on a professional level. Accoustically, everything was too compact and the singers — standing at the organ loft's ramp — had their naturally rich voices enlarged by the all too bright reflections from the bare walls and pillars, though, of course, the added sonorities of the different instruments provided some variety of sound. Musically, the similarity of the various offerings might have been suitable for a church service, but for a concert some contrasting elements are necessary.

Varied 'Contrasts'

A totally different programme was "Contrasts," presented by Dan Orstav at the Khan (March 24), with Dora Schwarzberg, violin, and Boris Berman, harpsichord and piano. Both artists are newcomers from Russia and have already proved their excellence as instrumentalists. On this evening, they also demonstrated their varied interests in music from widely separated periods and styles. In perfect cooperation, a Locatelli Sonata represented Baroque and the Duo Concertante by Stravinsky our century's neo-classicism. Dora Schwarzberg played two movements from a Bach Partita and the Chaconne from Bartok's Solo Sonata, unfailingly answering all technical demands with clean intonation and rich volume. Boris Berman switched from harpsichord to piano and back with ease and absolute mastery. Schoenberg's Suite opus 25 — rather dry and brittle in texture — got the best possible attention, the Couperin Rondo was all French elegance. His inventive improvisational talent came to the fore in Baroisky's "Photosynthesis II" for solo harpsichord (which the poor instrument gallantly survived) and Berio's "Rounds" (where the score was amusingly "read" from all sides). The piano was the focus of another musical "game": Serocki's "A Piacere," in which the pianist had three times to choose ten bits and pieces and run them off as a musical composition. As these chords, isolated notes and unconnected phrases were not intended to provide a musical continuity, there was none, but Berman's total identification and personal involvement were most impressive to watch, while his acrobatics and his earnest desire to give his freedom of action some musical value deserve highest praise.

Two and a half hours of even an entertaining event is too long, while for a large audience it proved too much. Quite a few people walked out.

YOHANAN BOEHM

Berman pleases

In its efforts to acquaint the Israeli public with Italian music, the Istituto Italiano de Cultura has lately relied more on local artists than on guests from abroad. This time new-comer Boris Berman presented a varied choice of 17th, 18th and 20th century Italian keyboard music, which he played alternatingly on the harpsichord and the piano. (Tel Aviv, Museum, March 19).

Berman played the opening Frescobaldi pieces, with uneasy fluctuations of tempi and unjustified rubati, but seemed to regain his composure and concentration with the items that followed. There were some remarkable antiphonal effects in Gabrieli's Fantasia, an amazing imitation of cromorne sonority in some of the six Correnti by Michelangelo Rossi and a startling characterization of style in Alessandro Scarlatti's "Balletto." This is not to say that Berman seeks easy effects. On the contrary. Here at last we have a harpsichordist who uses registers with remarkable restraint and economy. His impeccable taste and integrity of style showed even more in the 4 Essercizi by Domenico Scarlatti, and his fine "small technique" (finger fluency as compared to brachial technique) made them quite superb.

The concluding Scarlatti pieces were preceded by four compositions by Luciano Berio: "Wasserklavier," "Erdenklavier," and Sequenza No. 4, all played on the piano; and "Rounds" for harpsichord. "Wasserklavier" is a collage of Schubert and Brahms fragments and in "Erdenklavier" Berio imitates the sounds of bells but both are rather unimportant pieces d'occasion. More of the real Berio emerged from the semi-pointillistic Sequenza, a brilliant piece, tackled by Berman with amazing ease and lightness of touch. As in his previous recitals, Berman once again showed his remarkable intellect in his readings. His concentration on old and new music and his equal skill on both keyboard instruments reminds us of the late Frank Pelleg, the great pioneer of harpsichord music in this country.

Ambitious Mozart

"FROM Mozart with Love," presented by the Chamber Ensemble, (Tel Aviv, Beit Hahayal, March 20), is a frighteingly ambitious undertaking. To pick all the gems from the best of Mozart's operas and present them on one night demands a brilliant cast and more than original direction.

These two conditions were only partly met. Gary Bertini, who planned, directed and conducted, is known for his love of lively tempi, but generally the pace of the show was slow. Ram Evron's reading of Michael Ohad's commentary was monotonous and although Ohad stuck to essentials, it seems that nobody has yet been able to write connecting words to a succession of unconnected opera numbers and at the same time fulfill three functions: explaining the content, saying something original and making one feel the absolute necessity of the connecting text.

The huge cast of singers who participated, must be divided into two groups: the really professional ones like Emilie Berendsen (mezzo-soprano), Adi Etzion (soprano), Stella Richmond (soprano), Jerome Barry (baritone), Isser Bushkin (bass), Menasse Hadyes (tenor), and Tibor Hardan (baritone); and the others, like Zehava Gal (soprano), Ettie Kahn (soprano) and Robin Weisel (soprano), who were unable to meet the demands of the performance in which there were actually no minor parts at all. One hopes that soprano Annette Celine's performance was due to indisposition.

One man undoubtedly stole the show. Tibor Hardan is an excellent singer and a gifted actor, who lent animation and colour to the whole evening. Stella Richmond and Menasse Hadjes were excellent in the "Abduction." Both have delightful voices although Hadjes is at his best only in the mezza voce range. Miss Richmond cut a noble figure and pleased in many numbers but in her final aria — "Dove sono" in "Figaro" she seemed a shade too restrained. Jerome Barry and Adi Etzion were another colourful pair, as Papageno and Papagena in the "Magic Flute," the former demonstrating a high professional standard in all his numbers. Emilie Berendsen introduced a fine dramatic quality as Dorabella in "Cosi." Bass Isser Bushkin was a very good Osmin in the "Abduction" but a phlegmatic Leporello in "Don Giovanni."

To sum up: "From Mozart with Love" aspires at too much and achieves too little.

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AN OLD RULE

THE old rule that the British Labour Party finds it useful to support Israel when out of power, but changes its tune when it is in office, appears to be verifying itself again.

The new Labour Government has quickly set about assuring the Arab states that the Heath regime's policy of straining to show that there is no difference between the Quai d'Orsay and Whitehall in the measure of support for the Arab world, will be scrupulously continued.

To make the matter clear the British Foreign Office was authorized yesterday to state that the Labour Government does not dissent from the French-inspired Common Market declaration on the Middle East made last November. It is doubtful that anyone had seriously suspected the new government of any such dissent. But what was obviously important, when soaring oil costs must be offset by British arms sales and when crisis budgets are tabled, was that the statement be put firmly on the record.

Presumably the same motives lie behind the Labour Government's hurried acceptance of the former Egyptian Chief of Staff, Saad e-Din Shazli, as the new Ambassador to Britain. Approval of this appointment had been held up for some months by the Conservatives.

When Shazli was ousted from his post by Anwar Sadat shortly after the October war and then later nominated as envoy to Britain, sufficient resentment was generated in Britain to cause the Heath Government to delay confirmation. Much of that opposition came from within the Labour Party itself.

Shazli was not new to London. He had served there as Military Attache more than ten years ago and had close connections with ex-Nazi and other anti-Semitic groups.

In response to complaints in the press and from Labour MPs and the Jewish Board of Deputies, the Heath Government deferred confirmation. There were even signs that it advised Egypt that the appointment was inopportune, for last month Cairo reported that Shazli would be named Ambassador to Moscow.

But the British elections — and perhaps the Kremlin's desire to have an envoy in Moscow better connected with Sadat than an ousted Chief of Staff — intervened.

Now the Labour Government has decided to show questionable decisiveness, where the Conservatives hesitated. It has acted against the feelings of a considerable portion of its own MPs. It has acted against the feelings of British Jews. It has acted perhaps against the wishes of large segments of liberal British opinion.

Of itself, of course, the appointment is not a decision of much international consequence, though it has domestic importance inside Britain. But it is a sign of the weakness that exists in Britain, as elsewhere, in the face of even embarrassing demands linked with the oil countries.

SALT WEAPON LIMITATIONS CIRCUMVENTED

Arms race still on despite detente

By FRED S. HOFFMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON. — EVEN before yesterday's reports from Moscow that Dr. Kissinger and Soviet leader Leonid Breznev were finding it difficult to bridge their differences on nuclear arms control, experts in Washington were dubious about the future of the Salt talks — the centre-piece of detente.

As one senior U.S. official said, "The hard fact is that Salt II has shown little progress."

Both Secretary of Defence James Schlesinger and Soviet Defence Minister Andrei Grechko have shown they are dubious about prospects for detente, a real end to the long Cold War.

In the temporary Salt agreement signed in 1972, American negotiators rested their confidence in U.S. technology when they conceded a hefty numerical bulge to the Russians in land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMS) and submarine-launched missiles.

In effect, they believed Russian advantages in numbers and size of missile launchers were offset by the better accuracy of U.S. weapons and, most important, the U.S. ability to mount clusters of warheads on American missiles.

Gap disappears

The interim Salt agreement, while limiting numbers of missile launchers, placed no curbs on warheads and left both countries free to develop sophisticated improvements. In other words, the Salt pact allowed the technological race to continue.

By last summer, only a little more than a year after that first Salt agreement was completed, the Soviets demonstrated that they had caught up with the U.S. in the vital technique of arming their ICBMS with multiple warheads that could be aimed at separate targets (MIRVS).

And now, after analyzing data collected in observing Russian missile tests, U.S. defence officials say they are surprised at how fast and how far the Russians have come.

The Soviets have tested four new CBMS, three of them with MIRVS. All could be ready for combat next year.

American experts are alarmed because several of these advanced types of missiles have two or three times the "throw weight" they had anticipated — which means the missiles can hurl more nuclear warheads packing more power.

Russian tests also have disclosed upgraded guidance, which translates into greater accuracy.

Furthermore, U.S. missile specialists say the Soviets are using an improved pop-up launching technique by which a missile is expelled from its silo by compressed air and gas before its engines are lit. This "cold launch" method permits firing larger missiles from existing silos and allows faster reloading of the silos.

In another important gain, the Soviets have installed a new 6,720 km. range missile in their advanced Delta class submarines. This missile reaches 2,080 km, farther than the U.S. submarine-launched Poseidon.

U.S. defence officials say there is no evidence the Russians have yet achieved separately targetable multiple warheads for their submarine-fired missiles, although they have begun installing simpler shotgun-type warheads on earlier model weapons in their Yankee class subs.

As for bombers, the Russians are expected to organize the first squadron of about 25 new Backfire strategic aircraft this year.

U.S. officials still are uncertain about the intended mission of the swing-wing, supersonic Backfire. Most U.S. military experts believe the plane is designed chiefly for potential targets in Western Europe and China.

The Soviet Union shows its nuclear might as huge rockets trundle past the Lenin Mausoleum in Moscow during a parade celebrating the October Revolution. (Camera Press)

But the Backfire could be used against the U.S. if refueled in flight, they say.

In the current nuclear balance, Russia outnumbers the U.S. by 1,560 to 1,054 in CBMS. The Soviets, who got off to a late start in modern submarine-launched ballistic missiles, have pulled to within about 100 of the U.S. totals of such missiles.

Within a few months, U.S. intelligence estimates, Russia will surpass the U.S. in this weaponry as new Delta missile submarines enter the fleet. The U.S. maintains a 496-140 superiority in long-range bombers.

U.S. forecast

Because the U.S. already has placed multiple warheads on most of its ICBMS and submarine missiles, its arsenal of strategic nuclear warheads and bombs outstrips the Soviet Union's by about 6,800 to 2,200.

But this is certain to shift drastically as the Russians place MIRVS on their missiles.

Schlesinger predicts the Russians could deploy about 7,000 warheads on their ICBM force alone by the early 1980's. There is no way of telling yet how many additional warheads will be arrayed in their submarines, but it could run into the thousands after the Soviets apply the MIRV technology to sub-launched missiles.

What makes this prospect ominous, according to U.S. defence officials, is that the Soviet ICBM warheads are likely to range between one megaton and two megatons in yield, far bigger than U.S. MIRVS. A megaton is a measure equivalent to the explosive force of one million tons of TNT.

Schlesinger has warned that such a massive Soviet force of heavy warheads, if highly accurate, could pose a serious threat to survival of U.S. ICBMS, even after their underground launch silos are fitted with strengthened protection.

This makes it all the more urgent, in Schlesinger's view, that U.S. negotiators win agreement from the Russians for what he calls "essential equivalence" between the offensive nuclear forces of the U.S. and those of the Soviet Union.

"We are prepared to balance our strategic forces down if Salt succeeds, or to balance them up if we must match Soviet momentum," Schlesinger said in his annual report.

'Prepare for worst'

While hoping for the best from the Salt talks, Schlesinger advised Congress that "we should prepare for the worst."

"If we make visible signs that we are prepared to match them, it will improve our bargaining positions," the Defence Secretary said.

The Pentagon is planning to build a force of new Trident submarines to carry 10,400-km — range missiles in the 1980's and beyond.

It may also order an advanced B-1 bomber into production after prototypes pass rigorous flight tests and if Congress approves — which could be a big if.

Schlesinger believes it imperative to go beyond this and start research and development on a whole series of what he calls "hedges," in case the Salt talks fail and the U.S. must act to prevent falling into dangerous nuclear inferiority in the years ahead.

Among other things, these initiatives look to improving missile accuracy, along with development of both heavier warheads and larger clusters of smaller warheads to permit wider choices in targeting.

Also, the Pentagon is proposing work on mobile ICBMS that could be fired from airplanes, trucks or trains — on an "air-breathing" cruise missile to complement the bomber force — on another new class of relatively small missile-firing submarines, and on a brand new ICBM to follow today's Minuteman.

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EGYPTIAN VIOLATION

Ha'aretz (non-party) hopes that the problem of Egyptian deployment of an excess number of cannon in the limited forces zone will soon be settled, but warns that this violation may be a sign of future developments. The agreement signed by the Egyptian and Israeli Chiefs of Staff does not specify the quantities of forces and arms that may be held in the zones bordering the disengagement line. These details appear only in the documents signed between each party and the U.S. While this does not detract from the justification of the Israeli complaint, it does make the issue more susceptible to "differences of interpretation." Israel is wise to react resolutely to the Egyptian violation. The paper notes, however, that General Siilasvuo did not see any reason to conduct a special immediate inspection of the Egyptian zone following the Israeli complaint, and that he told the press that he was "not worried." It is suggested that he carry out his inspection duties with suitable dispatch and leave the question of worry to others.

Davar (Histadrut) expresses concern not only over the fact of violation itself, but over the various explanations offered. At first the Egyptian reaction to our complaint was silence. Then they spoke of a misunderstanding which later became a "right." Now they claim that the long-range cannon deployed at the Canal ports are required to protect the forces clearing the waterway — this in spite of the fact that rehabilitation of the Canal and the Canal cities was demanded by Israel as an indication of Egypt's peaceful intentions. No start has been made to clear the Canal for shipping. On the contrary, six additional bridges have been laid across the Canal, which facilitate the movement of armament and equipment into the limited forces zone on short notice. No less worrisome is the unofficial political explanation of the Egyptian moves — as a gesture of solidarity with Syria. Israel will consider its position very carefully to avoid any surprises. Our confidence in Egypt's intentions has been seriously affected by these violations, the paper says.

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) stresses that until now the Egyptians have carried out the terms of the disengagement agreement faithfully, and if they withdraw the excess cannon from the limited forces zone, there will be no cause for increased tension. Not only are Egyptian intentions being put to the test, but equally so is the effectiveness of the U.N. force in the area. The latter must act with dispatch to restore the existing situation to meet the terms of the agreement and to prevent violations in the future. It is noted that the U.S. lost no time in dealing with the Israeli complaint, in contrast to Washington's slow reaction in August, 1970 when the Egyptians moved missiles into the Canal zone.

READERS' LETTERS

U.S. Social Security

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On behalf of the American Embassy, I would like to clarify an article in *The Jerusalem Post* (January 29) which gave an impression that some U.S. citizens residing in Israel are eligible for supplementary social security benefits.

Recent amendments to the Social Security Act, as *The Post* reported, do provide for additional benefits to certain categories of U.S. citizens. The article, however, omitted the fact that residence in the *United States is a basic requirement* for eligibility.

These amendments converted portions of the public assistance programmes administered by State and local governments in the U.S. to a Federally administered programme called Supplemental Security Income. Beneficiary groups previously covered by non-Federal assistance programmes and now eligible for the new programme are persons 65 and older, blind and disabled whose financial resources are below a certain level. The goal of the Federal programme is to provide cash payments, when they are needed, so that the aged, blind and disabled can be assured of a basic cash income. The amount of the cash payments in specific cases varies with the amount of other income and assets of the beneficiaries.

Applications for these supplemental benefits cannot be accepted from persons living outside the United States. Further, under the amendments, supplemental benefits are suspended when recipients leave the United States, regardless of their continuing eligibility on other grounds.

Since publication of the article, the U.S. Embassy, as well as Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore, has received a considerable number of inquiries from Americans residing in Israel. This is certainly a tribute to the widespread circulation of *The Post*. We hope through publication of the letter that some of your readers may avoid the time and expense, and subsequent disappointment, of seeking to apply for benefits for which they are ineligible since they reside outside the United States.

LEONARD L. LEFKOW,
Press Attache,
American Embassy

Tel Aviv, March 22.

VISIT TO WOUNDED PoWs IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your issue of March 12, you reported statements from the Yugoslav magazine "Nin," alleging Israel doctors gave "bogus" medical care to PoWs.

In December 1973, the undersigned members of Meditran personally visited wounded Egyptian, Syrian and Iraqi PoWs as well as Israelis, bearing gifts from the Moslem, Jewish and Christian communities of Jerusalem. All of us were impressed with the equally fine treatment given by the Israeli doctors and nurses to all the wounded, without differentiation. We were also impressed with the personal care given each patient and by our being allowed to speak to them in Arabic without hindrance, as well as present them with Arabic books and the Koran.

We would welcome a reciprocal spirit from Damascus. We invite "Nin" of Yugoslavia to devote its pages and energies towards improving the atmosphere, by transmitting our offer from the people of Jerusalem to convey the same kind of gifts and spirit to the Israeli wounded in Syria.

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Jerusalem, March 19.

Australia's 'even-handed' M.E. policy

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Ian Wilcock, Third Secretary at the Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv speaks of Australia's even-handed policy in the Middle East (March 17). According to the Oxford Dictionary, even-handedness means impartiality, which in turn means fair, equitable, just. All words which by excessive and indiscriminate use have long ago ceased to light up any political landscape with conviction.

In a world engulfed and deeply disturbed by semantics, it is good to remember the advice given by P. W. Bridgman, an American scientist and Nobel Prize winner on the subject: "The true meaning of a term is to be found by observing what a man does with it, not by what he says about it."

And, indeed, what does even-handedness signify to us now, in our time of stress and peril in terms of the Australian Labour Party's attitude to Israel?

I would like to invite Mr. Wilcock to scrutinize Australian parliamentary records for issues raised by the ALP — or for that matter by any other party — concerning any preferential leanings towards Israel concurrent with any prejudicial treatment of Arab interests in Australia or on the international scene. He will hardly find any. In Arab eyes there is of course the one original sin blotting the A.L.P.'s record — its positive stand on the creation of the State of Israel under the leadership of Herbert Evatt in November 1947. In their view, the meaning of even-handedness is the expiation of Evatt's "crime" by a reversal of Australian policy in the Middle East.

It will not come as a surprise to Mr. Wilcock, that Israel too needs and asks for even-handedness. To my mind, the absence of even-handedness in the treatment accorded to Israel by some democratic government cannot remain obscured.

How impartial is a government that does not raise strenuous objections to the turning of PoW's into hostages by a signatory of the Geneva Convention?

How can a Labour Government countenance the disgraceful dealing with the problem of Arab terror at the UN?

How much fairness is there for Israel, when economic growth, employment, standard of life in many European countries are now being linked to the exports of unheard of quantities of arms to be paid for by the bizarre oil profits of Arab states? The sole final destination of all this profitable death merchandise are the borders, cities and villages of Israel.

How much even-handedness is there going to be in negotiations which have to be conducted under the threat of a devastating oil boycott of any nation that does not contribute its full share to the pressure aimed at achieving at long last a Carthagenian peace for Israel?

The point I am trying to make is that a so called even-handed policy towards the Middle East, if it does not address itself to the stark realities dominating the international arena today, does not offer Israel a modicum of friendship, neutrality or justice. Semantics cannot sugar over that bitter pill and, in all fairness, nobody should chide a Jerusalem newspaper for saying it frankly.

I would like to assure Mr. Wilcock that nobody in this country has any intentions to stir up "dissension within the Australian community." Political controversy is not a novelty in Australia. The stormy winds of our turbulent time unfortunately do not stop at the borders of that happy country under the Southern Cross.

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Jerusalem, March 19.

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PEDRO INARA (25), of Plaza Calvo Sotelo 1, Bilbao 12, Spain, is a young physician who would like to correspond with Israeli girls.

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